

Monash Student Council

CONFIRMED MINUTES

Meeting opened: 2:08pm

Meeting 8/16 of the Monash Student Council held at 2pm on Thursday the 4th of August, 2016 in the Conference Room, Campus Centre.

1. Attendance

President:	Abby Stapleton	(Chair)
Treasurer:	Matilda Grey	
Secretary:	Glenn Donahoo	(Minutes)
Education (Public Affairs):	Sulaiman Enayatzada	
Education (Academic Affairs):	Daniel Ffrench-Mullen	
Activities:	Benjamin Parker	
Welfare:	Brendan Holmes	
Indigenous:	Samantha Hyde	
Environment & Social Justice:	Tess Dimos	Proxy to Kim Stern until 3:11pm
Women's:	Isabelle Willis	
Female Queer:	Amy Grimmer	
Male Queer:	Martinus Kraan	
Disabilities:	Viv Stewart	
MUISS:	Karekhaa Nair	
MAPS:	Rebecca Doyle-Walker	
Clubs & Societies:	Phyllis Pan	
General Representative:	Shreeya Luthra	
General Representative:	Kapil Bhargava	Proxy to Sumudu Setunge
General Representative:	Tess Freeman	Proxy to Jessica Stone
General Representative:	Naish Gawen	(until 3:01pm)
General Representative:	Yasemin Shamsili	Proxy to Mitch Both
Observers:	Jasmine Duff	
	Denise Atzinger	
	Jesse Clifton	
	Harrison Schulz	
	Beth Jackson	
	Melanie Loudovaris	
	Mali Rea	

2. Acknowledgment of traditional owners of land

This MSC acknowledges and pays respect to the people of the Kulin nations as the original and ongoing owners and custodians of this land. The MSA commits itself to actively fight alongside Indigenous peoples for reconciliation and justice for all Indigenous Australians.

3. Confirmation of agenda order

4. Confirmation of previous minutes

Attachment 1

Motion #1:

"That this MSC accepts the minutes of MSC 7/16 as a true and accurate record of that meeting."

Moved through the chair

For: 16

Against: 0

Abstentions: 3

MOTION CARRIED

5. Reports

5.1. MUISS (for MSC 1/16)	<i>Not Submitted</i>
5.2. MUISS (for MSC 3/16)	<i>Not Submitted</i>
5.3. MUISS (for MSC 6/16)	<i>Not Submitted</i>
5.4. Lot's Wife (for MSC 7/16)	Attachment 2
5.5. Education (Public Affairs)	Attachment 3
5.6. Education (Academic Affairs)	Attachment 4
5.7. Welfare	<i>Not Submitted</i>
5.8. Environment and Social Justice	Attachment 5
5.9. Women's	Attachment 6
5.10. Female Queer	Attachment 7
5.11. Male Queer	Attachment 8
5.12. Indigenous	Attachment 9
5.13. Disabilities and Carers	Attachment 10
5.14. Lot's Wife	Attachment 11
5.15. Clubs & Societies	Attachment 12
5.16. MUISS	<i>Not Submitted</i>
5.17. MAPS	Attachment 13

Motion #2:

"That this MSC accepts the submitted reports en bloc."

Moved through the chair

For: 19

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Conference Reports

6.1. NUS Education Conference	
6.1.1. Abby Stapleton	<i>Not Submitted</i>
6.1.2. Glenn Donahoo	Attachment 14
6.1.3. Matilda Grey	<i>Not Submitted</i>
6.1.4. Jessica Stone	Attachment 15
6.1.5. Daniel Ffrench-Mullen	Attachment 16
6.1.6. Jayden Crozier	Attachment 17
6.1.7. Sumudu Setunge	Attachment 18
6.1.8. Sulaiman Enayatzada	Attachment 19
6.1.9. Tess Dimos	Attachment 20
6.1.10. Kim Stern	Attachment 21
6.2. NOWSA	
6.2.1. Abby Stapleton	<i>Not Submitted</i>
6.2.2. Matilda Grey	<i>Not Submitted</i>
6.2.3. Jessica Stone	Attachment 22
6.2.4. Melanie Loudovaris	Attachment 23
6.2.5. Isabelle Willis	<i>Not Submitted</i>
6.3. QC	
6.3.1. Martinus Kraan	Attachment 24
6.3.2. Amy Grimmer	Attachment 25
6.3.3. Viv Stewart	Attachment 26
6.3.4. Denise Atzinger	Attachment 27

Motion #3:

"That this MSC accepts the submitted conference reports en bloc."

Moved through the chair

For: 19

Against: 0
Abstentions: 0
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Summary of Executive Financial Motions

Attachment 28

Naish asks what the table talkers are. Matilda explains that they are to be put in the bar and around campus centre with the bar menu and advertises the bar, the Bikery and Wholefoods.

Mitch notes that he thinks it was really good that \$2500 for PNG support was passed, after NUS would not give money to this. Jasmine reiterates this sentiment, as well as saying that it was good that the executive passed money for pizza to be donated to the striking workers at Polar Fresh.

Naish asks what the University of Sydney visit was for, with Matilda explaining that it is for two staff members to visit the new outlets and catering at the University of Sydney to learn from how they have gone about the changes, so we can ensure that we are able to compete with the new outlets here.

Naish asks what the Office-Bearer t-shirts are, with Matilda explaining that there are 2 years' worth of shirts that OBs can wear to promote the MSA while out talking to students, and it will provide a more professional look for office-bearers.

Rebecca asks if the staff will be reporting back from their University of Sydney visit, with Abby noting that she will request a report is submitted to the next MSC.

8. Financial Statements

8.1. Financial Statement Summary for June 2016

Attached to email

No questions arising.

9. National Day of Action

Matilda explains that the 2016 Federal Budget included a number of attacks on students including a decrease in government funding as well as flagship course deregulation, along with a number of other changes. She notes that the protest will be fighting against these changes.

Kim explains there have already been a number of student demonstrations this year, and that even though there is no explicit policy that has been announced by the government, we should ensure there is public pressure not to cut funding to higher education, especially since both major parties took policies with education cuts to the election.

Sulaiman explains this is the third National Day of Action this year, and it shows that students are relentless in our opposition to cuts to higher education.

Beth explains that the MSA has done a lot of work to build protests this year, and it is good we have supported activists at other universities whose student unions have not supported building these protests.

Motion #4:

“This MSC endorses the National Union of Students' August 24 National Day of Action, recognising that campuses play a crucial role in mobilising for the protest. This MSC encourages MSA departments to prioritise and promote the event by printing posters to distribute during regular poster runs, advertising the protest on the MSA screens, websites and eNews. This MSC also directs the President to send out a press release about the protest the day before the protest (August 23).”

Moved: Matilda Grey

Seconded: Kim Stern

For: 19

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. MSA Strategic Plan

Attached to email

Glenn explains how the strategic plan includes overall statements for how the MSA should operate as well as specific goals as to new services that the MSA will create and current services that are supported.

Mitch notes that the strategic plan doesn't include anything about activism, which is something the MSA should be heavily involved in.

Glenn proposes an amendment that activism be included under core beliefs, which is accepted.

Jasmine explains the strategic outcomes still include having a working relationship with the university administration, when we should have a hostile relationship with the university.

Daniel Taylor enters at 2:27pm

Abby explains that student activism is a key tenant of what the MSA does, but this document is meant to be about the support services the MSA offer to students, including new services that are going to begin such as the Workers' Rights Advice service.

Kim notes that putting activism in the plan makes the document contradictory, as the MSA can't be activist while also being collaborative with the university. He notes that he will vote against accepting the strategic plan due to it saying that the MSA will collaborate with the University.

Daniel Ffrench-Mullen explains that each issue will often require a multi-faceted approach, so we can't be constantly hostile to the university, explaining that students can benefit from outcomes such as extra security at night exams.

Rebecca says she notes the being collaborative with the university is bad. She also asks what the post-graduate representation is about, while also asking if the legal service will be separate to the Monash Oakleigh Legal Service.

Glenn explains that the MSA is the representative body for all students, not just undergraduate students, so we are looking at introducing specific representation for postgraduate students, especially since around 8% of the MSA's student interactions are with postgraduate students.

Daniel Taylor leaves at 2:34pm

Abby explains that the legal service would be separate from the Monash Oakleigh Legal Service, with the MSA's legal service focussing on employment law, tenancy, fines, and drug/alcohol issues. She also explains that we don't put all of our plans on activism in a document and the MSA will continue to run campaigns through each of the departments. She notes that while she is in a number of meetings with the university administration, she knows she is not there to make friends.

Naish notes that he believes we shouldn't work collaboratively with the university, and that activism should be more important.

Rebecca says the document should be re-written to address the issues raised by members of council, moving an amendment to enact this. There is no seconder for the amendment, so the amendment lapses.

Motion #5:

"This MSC accepts the proposed MSA Strategic Plan 2016-2018, with minor amendments."

Moved: Glenn Donahoo

Seconded: Matilda Grey

For: 12

Against: 4 (Naish Gawen and Rebecca Doyle-Walker noted)
Abstentions: 3
MOTION CARRIED

11. Dr. Biswajit Banik

Jasmine explains the background behind how Dr. Banik is being deported as his permanent visa application has been denied due to his 12 year old son having mild autism, with the government claiming he would be a drag on the health system.

Viv explains that the visa being denied for the Banik family is very racist and ableist. She notes that there was an issue where a lecturer told the student who was talking about the issue to students in a class to stop talking, and they then claimed the lecturer was being ableist. She explains this has harmed the campaign and an oppression should not be hijacked for a political purpose, noting that the lecturer has said they will no longer share this petition due to this incident. She notes that oppression should never be hijacked by people who don't face that oppression, and there was a request from autistic students to ensure the event tomorrow is safe for them to attend and not confronting.

Kim explains he thinks this is a great campaign, noting he has been doorknocking academics and contacting the NTEU about the open letter, with a number of people from a range of abilities talking at the event tomorrow. He explains there have been precedents where ministers have overturned decisions such as this in the past, so the current minister for immigration should do so. He notes it is important to continue making announcements in lectures, and offending right-wing lecturers should not be a problem as they are likely to not support the campaign anyway.

Viv reminds all activists that they should not take a movement and turn it aggressive as the effect it will have on the oppressed group must be considered.

Motion #6:

"The Australian Department of Immigration and Border Protection has denied permanent residency to Monash academic Dr. Biswajit Banik and his family, on the grounds that his son's "mild autism" may burden the Australian health system.

This MSC condemns the decision as racist discrimination of the Banik family and discrimination against those with disabilities.

This MSC calls on the Australian Government to immediately grant the Banik family permanent residency with full access to the Australian healthcare system. Australia's migration system should not be run for profit, determining whether or not someone can come into the country based on how much they will cost or contribute.

The MSA will campaign alongside Dr. Banik, his students and the NTEU to reverse the decision."

Moved: Kim Stern

Seconded: Viv Stewart

For: 19

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. Don Dale Detention Centre

Kim explains that the Four Corners report was appalling, and the fact that there is widespread racism where indigenous Australians are detained at such a high rate when compared to the rest of the population. He explains student unions should ensure to fight for indigenous rights and against indigenous oppression.

Melanie Loudovaris leaves at 2:48pm

Mitch explains that what has happened at Don Dale is terrible, and we should all condemn what has been shown to have occurred there, with Daniel explaining that the Four Corners report showed the extent to which our justice system is racially biased against Indigenous Australia.

Samantha notes that the Don Dale incident is not isolated, and that is happening in most youth detention centres around Australia, with Indigenous people over represented in these centres.

Naish explains that he attended a protest until 3am on Sunday morning protecting Indigenous women from being taken away while protesting for the Don Dale to be closed. Naish notes that following what has been said, we should ensure that profit is not made off other people's oppression and this oppression is not being used as a recruitment tool, especially when asked not to by people in that oppressed group.

Motion #7:

"The mistreatment of youths in Don Dale Youth Detention Centre is recognised by this MSC as inhumane and involving institutionalised racism towards indigenous Australians.

We call for the immediate closure of Don Dale Youth Detention Centre.

We call for the immediate suspension of youth detention centres across Australia given the array of evidence of racialised policing and mistreatment at the hands of prison guards.

The MSA affirms its commitment to combating racism and injustice."

Moved: Kim Stern

Seconded: Mitch Both

For: 19

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. Polar Fresh

Beth explains that it was great the MSA has supported the Polar Fresh strike by sending food and people to their picket. She notes this is an industry that has not had a history of striking, but they did this and now they are able to come away with a large win in their working conditions. Beth explains that protests like these are how to build union membership, rather than through fancy advertising.

Jess explains that it was great that the NUW was able to negotiate for better conditions and pay. She also congratulates the MSA executive who passed money for food to support these striking workers.

Matilda explains it is good that lots of work was done to support the workers. She notes that particular departments should not be singled out in supporting campaigns because often multiple departments contribute to campaigns.

Jasmine explains that at the start of the strike the workers didn't know how to strike as they were new to it, but within a day they had learnt well and they took a hostile attitude towards management which worked well, noting that shelves in Coles were empty because of this strike.

Naish Gawen and Harrison Schulz leave at 3:01pm.

Motion #8:

"This MSC extends its congratulations and solidarity to the striking workers at Polar Fresh and to the National Union of Workers. Having achieved substantial victories on pay and casualisation by voting overwhelmingly to strike indefinitely, these workers have demonstrated the power of industrial action and unionism. This MSC also notes and commends the support provided by the MSA and in particular the

Environment and Social Justice Department to the striking workers, which included visiting the picket lines and organising for food and other supplies to be delivered to the picket line."

Moved: Mitch Both

Seconded: Jessica Stone

For: 18

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. Pauline Hanson

Kim explains that Pauline Hanson now has 4 seats in the Senate, making her a very powerful force in Australian politics, with this being very bad for Muslims and people of colour in Australia. He explains that the far right are growing around the world, and we need to fight against this.

Beth Jackson leaves at 3:03pm

Mitch notes that we shouldn't get the university administration to block her from speaking as free-speech is good, but we should protest her if she does come to speak to show that students don't agree with her views.

Sulaiman proposes an amendment to the third sentence to require collaboration with the People of Colour collective or the Islamic Society.

Viv seconds the amendment, with Denise explaining that campaigns around oppressed groups should be directed by and done with cooperation of that oppressed group.

The amendment is not amenable to the mover or seconder.

Amendment:

"Pauline Hanson's One Nation party promotes open discrimination against Muslims.

Anti-Muslim racism is on the rise and affects many students directly.

Many students can feel intimidated by racism, but can also be encouraged and given confidence when their student unions take a public stand against racism.

The MSA will actively condemn racist sentiment on campus. Furthermore, any anti-racist campaigns should be complemented by documented liaising with the People of Colour collective or department or the Monash University Islamic Society.

If representatives of One Nation arrange to speak on campus, the MSA will support public opposition to their racist viewpoints."

Moved: Sulaiman Enayatzada

Seconded: Viv Stewart

For: 16

Against: 0

Abstentions: 2

AMENDMENT CARRIED

Kim explains that he wants to work with every department within the MSA to fight against racism, asking why this amendment was made. He notes he wants to work with the people of colour collective in future. He also notes that he still supports the motion in the amended form.

Mali Rea leaves at 3:09pm

Sumudu explains that it is important to include people of colour in this discussion around anti-racism movements, as they should be the ones to direct how these campaigns should be run.

Tess Dimos and Daniel Taylor arrive at 3:11pm

Sulaiman explains that as a Muslim the motion is really good as it shows the support for his community, but often the Muslim community feel that they are being spoken for rather than brought to the front of the movement in a number of these campaigns.

Denise explains that safety of people is a priority and in movements like this people of colour are hyper-visible and are most likely to have to deal with the backlash that can come from these movements.

Tess notes that often there is no time to organise protests as we only find out these speakers are coming out at the last minute, so there may not be time to liaise with the POC collective.

Denise explains that if an action is meant to be inclusive of people of colour, there should be time to contact them, with Tess noting that she meant that there may not be time for a whole collective to meet.

Ben notes that while protests are good, if one is run against the people who it is meant to represent that can be very bad.

Sulaiman notes that a meeting of the people of colour collective could be held soon so that if something like this did happen a plan was already in place for it.

Daniel Taylor notes that the sensible approach to take if Pauline Hanson comes to speak is to inform everyone in the MSA so that everyone has the opportunity to attend and everyone can be consulted. He explains that not all people of colour have the same view, but we should protest Pauline Hanson anyway.

Viv explains that too often privileged people plan protests without the oppressed group being consulted and just use the excuse that not everyone in the oppressed group has the same view to try to justify this.

Denise explains that it is condescending to take control of campaigns if you are not part of the oppressed group, as the backlash is unsafe for people of colour, with many people of colour having been injured at a protest which was not done in a way they saw as appropriate.

Motion #9:

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If representatives of One Nation arrange to speak on campus, the MSA will support public opposition to their racist viewpoints."

Moved: Sulaiman Enayatzada

Seconded: Viv Stewart

For: 18

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Draft motion:

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Anti-Muslim racism is on the rise and affects many students directly.

Many students can feel intimidated by racism, but can also be encouraged and given confidence when their student unions take a public stand against racism.
 The MSA will actively promote anti-racist sentiment on campus, and encourage students to raise their voices in opposition to racism, and will uphold their right to speak out against racism.
 If representatives of One Nation arrange to speak on campus, the MSA will support public opposition to their racist viewpoints."
 Moved: Kim Stern
 Seconded: Mitch Both

15. General Business

16. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the MSC will be at 2pm on Thursday the 25th August in the Conference Room, Campus Centre.

Meeting closed: 3:25pm

ATTACHMENT 1 | MSC 7/16 Unconfirmed Minutes

Monash Student Council

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

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17. Attendance

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19. Confirmation of agenda order

20. Change of MSC Membership

Tamsin Peters has resigned from the position of Women's Officer as of 20 June, 2016.

Adrienne Bicknell has resigned from the position of Disabilities Officer as of 25 June, 2016.

21. Confirmation of previous minutes

Attachment 1

Motion #1:

"That this MSC accepts the minutes of MSC 6/16 as a true and accurate record of that meeting."

Moved through the chair

For: 17

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

MOTION CARRIED

22. Reports

22.1. MUISS (for MSC 1/16)

Not Submitted

22.2. MUISS (for MSC 3/16)

Not Submitted

22.3. MUISS (for MSC 6/16)

Not Submitted

22.4. President

Attachment 2

22.5. Secretary

Attachment 3

22.6. Treasurer

Attachment 4

22.7. Activities

Attachment 5

22.8. Lot's Wife

Not Submitted

Motion #2:

"That this MSC accepts the submitted reports en bloc."

Moved through the chair

For: 18

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23. Summary of Executive Financial Motions

Attachment 6

No questions arising.

24. Financial Statements

24.1. Financial Statement Summary for May 2016

Attached to email

No questions arising.

25. Standing Orders

Attached to email

Glenn explains that the standing orders are being amended so that the required number of MSC meetings in any year is the same requirement as is in the constitution, as no meeting is scheduled for July as a number of Office-Bearers are at conferences, which would cause the standing orders to be broken. He explains that proxies must abstain on this vote in accordance with the Standing Orders.

Motion #3:

"That this MSC accepts the proposed changes to the Standing Orders."

Moved: Glenn Donahoo

Seconded: Daniel Ffrench-Mullen

For: 10
Against: 0
Abstentions: 8
MOTION FAILS DUE TO LACK OF ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

26. Appointment of Disabilities Officer

Melanie explains that Denise has been working well with Viv as a caretaker, so they would be good to hold the position for the remainder of the year.

Motion #4:

“That this MSC appoints Denise Atzinger to the position of Disabilities Officer for the remainder of 2016, pursuant to §48(5) of the MSA Constitution, backdated to 25 June.”

Moved: Melanie Loudovaris

Seconded: Jessica Stone

For: 18

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

27. Appointment of Women’s Officer

Melanie explains that she has been working well with Issy since she was appointed as caretaker, so she would be a good candidate to hold the position for the remainder of the year.

Motion #5:

“That this MSC appoints Isabelle Willis to the position of Women’s Officer for the remainder of 2016, pursuant to §48(5) of the MSA Constitution, backdated to 20 June.”

Moved: Melanie Loudovaris

Seconded: Amy Grimmer

For: 18

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

28. MSA Website

Attached to email

Glenn explains that the three quotes which are attached to the email were obtained for an upgrade of the website, which it was decided was needed as it was quite old and not accessible on mobile devices. He explains that Yoke was chosen as they were the cheapest of the three quotes, and also provided what appears to be the website that most suits the MSA’s needs, as Myriad IT were very corporate and Get Started were becoming more corporate compared to Yoke.

Tess explains that it seems like a lot of money to update a website, and that a small business she worked for only paid \$6000 for a website. She notes that the MSA should not be spending a large amount of money to look like a corporation, explaining that Yoke have created websites for large corporations like NAB. Tess explains that student unions have been under attack so our money should be used for campaigning for student rights rather than on a new website.

Glenn explains that the upgrade will be quite expensive and can’t be compared to a regular small business because we have quite a large website with a number of different sections with different requirements. He also explains that departments will now be able to advertise their campaigns and events much better on the website.

Kim says that going to a large website building company is over the top and that we should be using the money for better campaigns for students. Glenn replies that we could go with a slightly cheaper option that just makes the current website mobile friendly, but that would have a much shorter lifespan and would require an upgrade of this cost to occur within a year or two.

Abby notes that this upgrade will not detract from being able to fund campaigns, with the MSA having the capacity to fund this along with running our campaigns and welfare services.

Daniel notes that if \$56,000 was beyond our means, then we shouldn't be spending it, but we have had departments do great events and campaigns with the funding they have, and we have this money to spend as well. He also notes that when he was running the night exam campaign he realised that online was the best way to engage students in the campaign, but the website was not able to spread the information easily as even he struggled to find the page that the information was on, even though he knew the information was there.

Kapil notes that a lot of the students who view the website are new students, who view it when they first enrol at Monash, so having a website that can have campaigns prominent will engage the students into their campaigns.

Tess notes that she finds it concerning that the companies that the quotes have been obtained for have all worked with multi-national companies, and that the MSA overall has recently been pushing the priority into marketing of the MSA rather than into campaigns around student rights.

Martinus asks why making the website mobile friendly would require an upgrade soon while re-building the entire suit wouldn't, with Glenn explaining it is to do with the back-end of the website.

Motion #6:

"This MSC authorises the expenditure of up to \$56,550 for the update and redesign of the MSA Website, to be withdrawn from Central Funds."

Moved: Glenn Donahoo

Seconded: Daniel Ffrench-Mullen

For: 14

Against: 3

Abstentions: 1

MOTION CARRIED

29. NUS Affiliation

Attachment 7

Abby notes that being affiliated to NUS has lots of benefits to the MSA, such as the President's Summit at the start of the year where she did media training which has been very helpful in her role. She also notes other departments have had good contact with NUS departments as well, especially the education department.

Daniel explains that as a big campus who does have the means to contribute lots to NUS we should, especially when small campuses often can't afford to pay much. He also explains that NUS has run lots of great campaigns this year, and the education department has been a big help in guiding the way campaigns have been run on-campus.

Kim notes that it is great we are increasing funding as it is good to have big national campaigns to defend education rights and to fend-off attacks on safe-schools. He explains that NUS have run a number of campaigns which has been great, including hosting the NDAs. He notes that NUS needs more money as they don't have enough, but they also shouldn't be using their money to run a campaign to support the Labor Party in the election.

Sumudu explains that it was great to have NUS help with campaigns through the year, with Matilda explaining that it works best when all students work together to fight attacks, rather than each campus running their own separate campaign. She explains that no matter who is in government, NUS should use its funds to ensure campaigns are run on protecting student welfare.

Tess notes that affiliation has increased from around \$60,000 a few years ago, which is good. She notes that when the pressure we put on political campaigns decreases there are greater attacks on

students, noting the recent policy changes by the Labor party. She notes that the door-knocking campaign being run by NUS has in-effect led to NUS's money being used to elect a party that has attacked students.

Abby explains that she will release a media release calling on the Labor party to increase funding to education and abandon the proposed cuts they have suggested, as the NUS campaign is not simply a campaign to get people to vote for Labor.

Mel explains that it is great to increase funding to NUS, as the sexual-assault campaign has had problems with some poorer campuses not being able to print resources, but NUS has been able to print these for them, so it's good that we help these small campuses out by giving NUS more money.

Kim explains that everyone going to the Education Conference next week should argue for a student protest movement to occur, no matter what the result of the election is. Tess notes that the student protest campaign shouldn't be rolled up into a lobby campaign, as happened with the VSU campaign in 2004.

Motion #7:

"This MSC authorises the expenditure of up to \$95,000 for affiliation to the National Union of Students, to be withdrawn from Central Funds."

Moved: Matilda Grey

Seconded: Daniel French-Mullen

For: 16

Against: 0

Abstentions: 2

MOTION CARRIED

30. Capital Works Application: MUST Equipment

Attached to email

Glenn explains that this equipment was budgeted for, but only estimates were provided rather than quotes during the budget process. He explains that they now have the quotes and want to purchase the equipment.

Motion #8:

"This MSC authorises the expenditure of up to \$8,250 for equipment for MUST, to be withdrawn from Central Funds."

Moved: Glenn Donahoo

Seconded: Melanie Loudovaris

For: 16

Against: 0

Abstentions: 2

MOTION CARRIED

31. General Business

Procedural Motion: To accept the protest motion into general business

Moved: Tess Dimos

For: 18

Against: 0

PROCEDURAL MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Tess notes that she has said most of what she had to say when discussing NUS affiliation, noting that this discussion should continue at the NUS Education Conference next week.

Matilda notes she agrees with this motion, and she looks forward to working towards planning a protest next semester.

Kim notes that straight after the election is called, the MSA should be promoting what we think of the winning party's policies for students, and we should get started with organising a protest based on these policies.

Motion #9:

"This MSC calls on the National Union of Students to organise a demonstration early in Semester 2 against attacks on higher education. Regardless of the outcome in the elections, students will be facing significant attacks. The LNP's budget includes \$2 billion worth of cuts to higher education, and they intend to lower the threshold of student debt repayments and deregulate flagship courses. The ALP recently announced they would lower the threshold of student debt repayments, end HELP benefits for maths, science, nursing and education students, and implement the indexation of programs under the Australian Research Council Act and the Higher Education Support Act. This MSC recognises the necessity of organising students in protest against these measures, and will utilise its resources to build the demonstration."

Moved: Tess Dimos

Seconded: Matilda Grey

For: 17

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

MOTION CARRIED

32. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the MSC will be at 2pm on Thursday the 4th August in the H10, Menzies Building.

Meeting closed: 2:54pm

ATTACHMENT 2 | Lot's Wife Report to MSC 7/16

Lot's Wife has been going well, with our 4th edition being printed this week. We have successfully moved nearly all printed copies so far, and nearly all of our advertising space has been booked. We plan to hold some workshops and events during our Department week next semester.

Goals for next MSC:

- hold events during our department week
- continue to improve our digital presence
- improve our submission and feedback process

RE: last MSC goals

- Edition Two and Three were successfully published
- We have been sharing articles on social media
- At least one person complained about us on stalkerspace, so we feel we've maintained our relevancy

ATTACHMENT 3 | Education (Public Affairs) Report to MSC 8/16

Sumudu Setunge and Sulaiman Enayatzada

Education (Public Affairs)

Report to MSC

04/08/16

Report Covering 19/05/16 - 14/08/16

Key Activities:

Monash Education Action Group:

We have convened 2 times with the Education Action Group since the last MSC. We have the National Day of Action coming up on August 24th and hence have been working hard to encourage students to attend said protest. We also co-ordinated poster runs, flyering and the production of banners and placards.

CAMPAIGN FOR A PEOPLE OF COLOUR DEPARTMENT

We have recently formed the People of Colour Collective which will be at the forefront of the campaign for a person of colour department within the MSA. We will be having our first collective meeting on Friday the 19th of August.

LIAISING WITH THE NATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS AND THE VICTORIAN EDUCATION ACTION NETWORK

Recently we attended VEAN meetings, which were helpful in gauging the national and state level of the campaign. We got many ideas for building for the NDA from the meeting and were able to see a coherent response from the other Victorian universities.

List of goals completed since last report:

Goal #1: To get as many students to enrol to vote as possible

List of goals to complete by the next report:

Goal #1 Get a person of colour collective

Goal #2: To get as many people to the NDA as possible

Meeting	Amount	Line-item	Description
	\$26	Printing and Photocopying	Printing of administrative documents and a small amount of fliers
	\$5,000	Conferences	Accomadation, flights etc. for Education Conference

Education (Academic Affairs) MSC Report 8/16

 <p>msa monash student association</p>	<p>Daniel Ffrench-Mullen and Jessica Stone Education (Academic Affairs) MSC Report, 8/16</p>
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Key Activities:

Mid Year Festival

Jessica represented the Education Department at the Mid Year Festival on the 26th of July. Here she mostly spoke, along with other office bearers, to students about the upcoming student protest on the 24th August to continue the fight against the recently re-elected Liberal Government.

Night Exams

The first round of night exams has come to an end, and now we are preparing to gather feedback and report to the University about how students felt about the introduction. Through talks about safety and transport concerns with the Vice Provost of Learning and Teaching and Examination Services, we were able to secure additional security guards (up to 6 from original 2), 2 CCTV vehicles that would patrol the Caulfield Racecourse, Campus and surrounding area during the night exam period, additional guards at the Caulfield Campus, a shuttle bus stop outside Gate 23 of the Caulfield Racecourse and study spaces at both the Racecourse and Caulfield Campus. There was also discussion about the potential of having a female-identifying security guard, however this was dependent on rostering but not completely ruled out as a possibility. We have also released our Post-Night Exams Survey which has garnered over 200 responses so far, which we are planning to use as a part of continuing the night exams campaign and in continued talks with the Vice-Provost of LT&C and Examination Services.

Monash-Warwick Alliance

Daniel attended the Monash-Warwick Alliance Steering Committee meeting with key members of the Alliance Board and Committee. The meeting discussed the continuation of the Alliance as well as other joint programs and exchange.

Jessica attended the Monash Warwick Alliance Education Reference Group meeting on the 27th July to discuss ideas and projects happening within the Alliance. There was an emphasis on expanding the Alliance to increase inclusivity between the institutions and among students. Jessica raised that if the Alliance wants to be more inclusive, they need to ensure Alliance programs, i.e. exchange opportunities, were accessible to all students not just those that can afford to so. There was also talk on ensuring Alliance programs were adequately communicated to students, in plain speech, to avoid confusion and increase the likelihood that students will engage in these programs.

MSA Teaching Awards Night/MSA Awards Night

We have begun planning for the MSA Teaching Awards Night which will be held in conjunction with the MSA Awards Night. This night will be to recognise excellence in teaching at Monash, as well as recognising the work past and present MSA alumni. So far we are still in the early stages of planning and are looking to involve our Academic Affairs Committee in the planning process.

Associate Deans (Education) Meetings:

Daniel attended the first meeting between the Education (Academic Affairs) department and the Associate Deans (Education) of each faculty in the university. He met with the Engineering department to discuss a variety of topics from academic progress and integrity, night exams, lecture recordings and the adoption of the Better Teaching Better Learning strategy in the faculty. It was a productive meeting and the Academic Affairs department will continue to liaise with the faculty on a number of key issues raised.

Goals

Goal	MSC Report Submission (when goal was set)	Status (Complete/Incomplete/Ongoing)	Comments
Academic Affairs Committee (AAC)- Meeting	-	Complete (05/05/16)	Hold first meeting of the AAC
Monash-Warwick Alliance - Warwick Students Union	2/16	Ongoing	Correspondence with the President and Education Officer at Warwick Students Union about current campaigns
Monash-Warwick Alliance - Monash Student Union Alliance Committee	-	Ongoing	Continue correspondence with Education departments at other Monash campuses to establish a Student Union Alliance Committee to coordinate ideas and represent students within the Alliance
Night Exams - Campaign	-	Ongoing	Continue to campaign against the introduction of night exams at Monash Liaise with the manager of Examination Services and Vice-

			Provost of Learning and Teaching about student support services and transport and safety concerns
Night Exams - Post Night Exams Survey	-	Ongoing	<p>Survey was released following the end of the June exam period</p> <p>Survey will remain open until the end of Semester 2</p> <p>Continue to reach out to students with concerns about night exams and encourage them to contact our department directly so we can make arrangements for their travel and safety</p>
Meetings with Associate Dean of Education (all faculties)	-	Ongoing	Schedule regular meetings with the Associate Dean of Education from each faculty at Monash to raise issues or concerns relevant to each faculty and students

ATTACHMENT 5 | ESJ's Report to MSC 8/16

Since the last ESJ report the department has been involved in many different campaigns and political events.

Campaign Against Racism and Fascism (CARF). We have been to MANY organising meetings, promotional events, stalls, speak outs, for this important campaign group. On May 28, far right groups planned to protest against an anti-racist rally in Coburg, and down Sydney rd. We made sure there was a strong multicultural and large rally which could confront these Nazis and stop

them from marching down one of the most ethnically diverse streets in Melbourne. We were joined by many students, socialists, anarchists, Muslims, anti-racists in this march which stopped the far right from enjoying a racist and hate filled rally. On June 26, there was another rally organised by the far right, this time in defence of the Australian flag. We helped CARF promote and attended the counter protest. At both of these rallies there was a strong monash student presence.

Defend Roz Ward. Socialist and left wing researcher at La Trobe Roz Ward, who had come under attack from the right wing press and sections of the Liberal party for being a co-founder of the Safe Schools program, was dismissed from her job in what was a serious attack on academic freedom and part of the homophobic and transphobic campaign against safe schools. We helped the NTEU in their campaign to reinstate Roz by promoting the issue on campus with a poster campaign, contacting academics to sign onto the open letter and promoting a rally scheduled to take place at La Trobe. We worked with the Queer department in this important response. Thanks to this public pressure Roz Ward was reinstated at La Trobe.

Refugee Campaign. Our department mobilised 50+ monash students for World Refugee Day on June 18. Rallies like this, that are part of the international movement against the brutality of border security regimes are important for student unions to support and promote on campus. There were also two occupations, one of DFAT, the other the Liberal Party's Melbourne headquarters, over the break. These got media attention and kept the issue of refugee rights in the news.

Equal Love. Rather than supporting a right wing party committed to attacks on students and wasting student money campaigning for them these federal elections, the ESJ department helped organise Equal Love's pre-election rally for same sex marriage. We think its a right wing delaying tactic that the Liberals want a plebiscite on the issue, we also think its shameful the Labor Party doesn't have a binding vote. In this political context during the elections, where the LGBTI+ community needed to make serious demands on both major parties, it was important to have a rally demand marriage equality now.

Black Lives Matter. Tess and Kim, along with the ESJ collective attended a rally in support of the Black Lives Matter movement in America on Sunday 17th July. The rally also highlighted the brutality and racism of the Australian state and police force, an issue which was further highlighted by the Four Corners report of the abuse, torture, and violence towards indigenous children by guards at the Don Dale juvenile detention centre in NT. A protest against the high rates of indigenous incarceration and the treatment of indigenous prisoners was called for Sunday 31st July which we also attended.

Polar Fresh strike. We showed solidarity at an indefinite strike of 650 Coles distribution centre workers from Wednesday 27th July to Friday 29th July by organising car loads of monash students to help the workers picket trucks filled with Coles produce, by organising a solidarity photo with the MSA, and helping coordinate a Pizza delivery for the striking workers. This experience taught us a lot about how to fight back against casualisation, a trend obviously damaging the staffing conditions and quality of education at all universities. The workers here, because they took militant strike action converted 150 agency casual workers to full and part time employment.

Finances

\$112.40 was spent from our projects budget on the Defend Roz Ward campaign and the Refugee campaign to print special posters. Money was also passed to buy supplied like tape, stationary, banner painting material, ect for various campaigns we ran listed above.

Goals from last report

Refugee campaign - provide a forum for students to engage in the campaign to bring refugees to Australia and shut down offshore detention centres. Our department held a meeting titled 'tear down the camps' on 18 May, attended by 36 students.

Attend the National Union of Students Education Conference in Sydney Uni. Done, see attached report

Organise a contingent of Monash students to the June 25th Equal Love demonstration demanding equal marriage rights. This will include promoting the event online and on campus and reaching out to Queer Department and other MSA departments to collaborate. successfully completed this, see report above.

Hold an ESJ collective meeting. Done.

Goals for next report

Campaign against Pauline Hanson with petitions, posters, by leafleting and making announcements in classes. We want to create the impression that her racist ideas are not welcome on campus and promote any protests against One Nation events if they are held in Melbourne.

Campaign for Dr. Biswajit Banik and his family to become permanent residents. Dr Banik and his family had their appeal for a permanent visa rejected by the Administrative Appeals Tribunal for Migration and Refugees, because their son has been diagnosed with "mild autism" and could possibly be a financial burden on Australian health services. There is a mood amongst his students to do have a response to this decision. We hope to host an on campus action about this in week 2 or 3 this semester.

Hold an ESJ collective meeting.

Support any strikes or union industrial action and organise car pools from monash out to it to promote working class politics and unionism on campus.

ATTACHMENT 6 | Women's Report to MSC 7/16

Women's Officer MSC Report 8/16

Covering time between: 19th May to 4th August

Key Activities:

NOWSA Preparation

We managed to get accommodation, registration and delegate contributions quite easily. We caught mistakes early and this went relatively smoothly. Thanks to a generous contribution from the Pro-Vice Chancellor we were able to keep costs reasonable for delegates and as a result didn't have any drop out because of costs. We opted to go for a more low-key accommodation (e.g. not a giant hostel) as per Isabelle's previous experience at NOWSA and this ultimately was a great choice that the delegates loved and enabled greater comfort and health of delegates and officers alike.

Meetings with University Rep

We have had talks with a university/CCD rep regarding what the University can do better in communicating with students and combating sexual assault on campus by helping develop a

change in culture. This helped us convey some of the issues in the current communication methods they use as well as lots of things they can address e.g. Facebook pages that promote bad behaviour/culture. This meeting showed promise but action is needed to prove its success.

Actually going to NOWSA

We went to NOWSA 2016 at UTS. We wrote reports on it. Mel's include a mini rant about *Bend it like Beckham*. Read that. More advice for future officers, make sure you know a bit more about the particular support needed for individual delegates, if possible what topics could be triggering to them and be sure to support them in any way possible whilst also taking care of yourself, there are grievance officers for a reason. Opt for a smaller accommodation if possible, get some communal snacks/breakfast for the group, try to fly in the day before if possible, schedule a counsellor appointment for when you get back just in case, also you probably will get sick. We managed to survive NOWSA with no major dramas and delegates seem to have gotten a lot out of it, hopefully they get more involved in the department in the future.

NUS Campaign

The *Support Student Safety, Stop the War on Women* Campaign launched while at NOWSA, we marched from UTS to USyd. Throughout the week there were workshops and meetings regarding the campaign, its key objectives and its history. We managed to get materials relating to it and have begun using them in the women's room and Midyear Festival. We hope to do something in the future regarding this like collecting signatures or doing a photo petition.

AHRC Nationwide Survey into Sexual Assault in Universities

We were introduced into the incoming survey during NOWSA as well as what we can do to support it and help enhance it. We will look to do some kind of event of campaign surrounding this when we get more information or when it launches.

Getting *Dissent* going

Working with Lot's Wife editors in an attempt to get contributors and people to get involved in creating *Dissent*. We appreciate their knowledge and enthusiasm for this project and look forward to working with them and hopefully being able to publish.

Goals

Goals from last report:

1. Continue running Discussion Groups and Q2 meetings - Achieved
2. Finalise delegate numbers for NOWSA – Achieved
3. Finalise budgeting for NOWSA - Achieved
4. Organise accommodation and flights for NOWSA - Achieved
5. Continue organisation for “The Hunting Ground” screening - Achieved
6. Organise and plan for the ‘Equality Bake Sale’ for next semester - Ongoing

Goals to be achieved by next report:

1. Continue running Discussion Groups and Q2 meetings
2. Host “The Hunting Ground” screening in week 4
3. Organise event to tie into “Support Student Safety, Stop the War on Women” Campaign
4. Host successful “Women in Education” week in week 4

5. Begin prep for Women’s Week
6. Organize and plan for the ‘Equality Bake Sale’

Financials

Meeting No.	Date	Description	Amount	Line-item	Comments
-	12/5/16	Bake Sale	\$200.00	Fundraising	Money raised from event
3/16	27/5/16	Workshop	\$200.00		Rad Sex & Consent week
1a/16	31/5/16	Miscellaneous Printing	\$3.10	Printing + Photocopying	Paperwork
4a/16	14/6/16	Accommodation for NOWSA	\$2,500.00	Conference	
4a/16	24/6/16	Conference Registration	\$1,340.00	Conference	
-	30/6/16	Delegate Contributions	\$1,275.00	Conference	Incoming funds from delegates
1a/16	30/6/16	Miscellaneous Printing	\$4.45	Printing + Photocopying	Paperwork
-	30/6/16	Phone Usage	\$4.25	Phone Usage	
-	13/6/16	Funding for NOWSA	\$3,000.00	Conference	Incoming funds from Pro-Vice Chancellor
4a/16	30/6/16	Flights for NOWSA	\$2226.00	Conference	

ATTACHMENT 7 | Female Queer Report to MSC 8/16

Female Queer Officer’s Report

Amy Grimmer

Report to MSC 08/16

4th August 2016

Report covering 20/5/16 - 1/8/16

Key Activities:

End of Semester 1 + SWOTVAC & Chill

After Queer week was over & we only had smaller events to plan for (with the exception of QC), like our weekly events, Morning Tea and Queer Beers, as well as our final semester one event - SWOTVAC & Chill - an event for people to come along and take a break from exam study and stress

Ally Network and others:

At the end of semester we had a catch up with the Ally Network, and the Diversity and Inclusion department of CCD, to debrief after IDAHoT week, as well as start to think ahead to semester 2 and other plans.

We decided on several things to get started: Implementing Queer 101 training alongside the C&S committee position training, a poster/awareness campaign in STEM areas on campus and helping the Ally Network launch a new student peer program, which are all coming along.

Queer Collaborations (QC) 2016:

Queer Collaborations conference went great! Planning went (mostly) smoothly, and there was almost no drama involved, I count it as a great success - especially seeing how involved everyone got. More info in my conference report.

Interest for 2017 QuAC and QO positions:

We have held an initial meeting to gauge interest for electing next year Queer Officers and Queer Affairs Committee Members. Hopefully we will have some clear and enthusiastic candidates in time for the elections.

Actions & Achievements:

- Ran our SWOTVAC event
- Met with members of the Ally Network and other D&I reps to debrief after IDAHOt
- Attended (and survived) QC with all our delegates.

Progress on assigned goals from last report:

Goal #1: Run IDAHOt with the Ally Network & Safer Community Unit

Verdict: Achieved.

Goal #2: Organise and send a Monash Clayton Delegation to Queer Collaboration 2016

Verdict: Achieved.

Goal #3: Plan events for Semester 2

Verdict: Achieved.

Goal #4: Update the Queer Officer Positions with the MSA Secretary

Verdict: Ongoing (Achieved?).

List of goals to be completed by next report:

Goal #1: Run our Musical Performance Night

Goal #2: Attend DGS Meeting

Goal #3: Plan for Queer Week & Queer Ball

Goal #4: Update the QuAC Standing Orders and Election Regulations

Goal #5: Find interested candidates for 2017 QO and QuAC nominations

Budget Expenditure since last report:

Meeting no.	Date	Description	Amount (\$)	Line item	Comments
7/16	24/5/2016	<i>Badge making supplies</i>	<i>\$110.81</i>	<i>651100 Projects</i>	As part of our fundraising effort we were to make and sell queer badges

7/16	24/5/2016	<i>Return flights Perth-Melbourne + registration for Queer Collaborations Conference for 15 people</i>	<i>\$8158</i>	<i>641200 Conference and Seminar</i>	Purchased flights as a group booking
7/16	24/5/2016	<i>Snacks for SWOTVAC and chill event</i>	<i>\$50</i>	<i>651100 Projects</i>	Regular semester event with snacks (chips, lollies, drink etc)
8/16	19/7/2016	<i>Food for autonomous meeting</i>	<i><\$150</i>	<i>651100 Projects</i>	Food for those attending autonomous meeting

ATTACHMENT 8 | Male Queer Report to MSC 8/16

Male Queer Officer report to 8/16 MSC

Martinus Kraan

Male Queer Officer

4th August 2016

Report covering 19/5/16 - 4/8/16

Actions:

End of semester 1

Between the 19/5/16 MSC and the end of the semester 1 teaching period there was not a lot that required an extra amount of effort having gotten through queer week already and with most of Queer Collaborations conference organized. Now we could focus on running our smaller, regular events and attend some additional meetings/planning sessions for the future of the queer department especially in conjunction with the Ally network on campus. Overall the semester moved into the exam period reasonably uneventfully, as this time is always a strain on students so less is planned for them during this time.

Activism

One of the biggest actions undertaken by the department in an off campus setting was the 25/6/16 Marriage Equality rally held at the State library which we brought a contingent of around 15 people. This rally had quite a large turnout and taking place only a week before the election it was an important day for many who consider marriage equality to be an issue that would sway their vote.

Queer Collaborations (QC) 2016

The national queer students conference was held at Curtin university between 4/6/16 - 9/6/16, more details in my conference report.

Semester 2

We spent the remainder of the break following QC organizing how the second semester in the queer department would end up running. Having already gone through semester 1, we felt confident in organizing how the semester would play out and so had events planned for both week 2 (a performance night) and week 3 (a large morning tea). Queer week this semester will be in week 6, from 29/8 - 2/9, with not a lot allocated for that week yet besides the queer ball on the Friday there is still much more planning to undertake.

Elections

We're currently working on assisting anyone who would like to run for the Queer Officer or Queer Affairs Committee (QuAC) next year. This includes holding an information session for those interested and holding meetings with any individuals who show further initiative towards the positions.

Goals:

The goals for this semester for how I want to progress the department are primarily expanding our range in order to be more inclusive of the numerous queer/LGBTQIA+ students on campus. Many of these students either don't identify with the department for specific reasons that may have happened in the past/still currently happening with the way this department is run, or don't identify with the politics and language of the department. The goal hopefully will be achieved by moving out of our regular spaces more often and appealing to a wider range of students.

Another goal in the works is to try and appeal to certain schools in STEM to launch a campaign of sorts to address the various types of bigotry and phobia found by those studying and working in the fields.

Our more regular goals are to successfully run our weekly events such as morning tea, Queer beers, collective and queery and our special one of events such as the 'Loud and Proud' performance night, LGBTea and queer week and all the events that come along with it.

Achieved Goals:

-We got everyone to and from QC safely and everyone we took enjoyed themselves as well as both taking information and experiences away from the conference and many contributing to the running on the conference itself.

-Managed to run the rest of semester two smoothly, including important days such as IDAHoT

-Continued work with the ally network to progress on different issues such as gender neutral bathrooms and 'diversity and inclusion week'.

Budget Expenditure since last report:

Meeting no.	Date	Description	Amount (\$)	Line item	Comments
7/16	24/5/2016	<i>Badge making supplies</i>	\$110.81	<i>651100 Projects</i>	As part of our fundraising effort we were to make and sell queer badges
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7/16	24/5/2016	<i>Snacks for SWOTVAC and chill event</i>	\$50	<i>651100 Projects</i>	Regular semester event with snacks (chips, lollies, drink etc)
8/16	19/7/2016	<i>Food for autonomous meeting</i>	\$61	<i>651100 Projects</i>	Food for those attending autonomous meeting

ATTACHMENT 9 | Indigenous Report to MSC 8/16

 <p>msa monash student association</p>	<p>SAMANTHA HYDE & JAYDEN CROZIER</p> <p>Report to MSC 8/16 4th August 2016</p>
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Report covering 16/05/16 – 04/08/16

Key activities:

NITESG:

The National Indigenous Tertiary Education Student Games were held in Brisbane from June 26-30. A team of 15 Monash players and two support students, accompanied by two staff from the Yulendj Indigenous Engagement Unit represented the university in netball, basketball, touch football and volleyball across four days of competition. Having historically been a struggling team in regards to sporting success, Monash were able to boast their most successful results yet – placing 19th from 33 teams across Australia, and leaving with five wins from 12 games.

The Indigenous Games are a hugely important event for Indigenous students at Monash and it has been myself and Jayden's goal to ensure accessibility and participation. Though this is not always a straightforward task – challenges seen in the limited number of players able to compete and the cooperation of Monash Sport, Team Monash and the Yulendj Unit – it has certainly been a largely successful venture this year. Our participation in this event is reliant on the financial support of a number of organisations and individuals, namely David Copolov, MSA, MONSU and Career Trackers. Without our sponsors, we wouldn't be able to attend.

A summary of the sports and scores below:

The first day we played Basketball. We were really nervous to begin with and lost the first 2 games (University of Sydney 28-14 and University of Western Australia 33-14). We won the final game against Western Sydney 23-0. The second day was Volleyball where we lost against Murdoch (30-26) and Deakin (30-21). They were close games and we managed a win against University of Southern Cross (30-25). On the third day we played Netball. We lost 1 game against Western Sydney (12-5) and won 2 games against Murdoch (15-8) and University O Southern Cross (16-8). The last day was Touch Football and although we trained very hard, being Victorians, we weren't the best at it but we won the first game against RMIT (7-0) and lost the last 2 games against Western Sydney (8-1) and University of Southern Cross (5-3).

MISC:

The Monash Indigenous Student Committee has been working together to address student needs and is working closely with the MSA Indigenous Department to achieve these. The committee so far has committed to increasing the number of social events that take place throughout the semester so as to increase student engagement with university social life and to ensure positive relationships within the student lounge. The most recent meeting has seen an interest in collaborating with short courses to deliver possibly RSA/First Aid or CPR training.

NAIDOC Ball:

A group of 20 students from Monash attended the Victorian NAIDOC Ball on July 9. This event is one of the biggest events on the Victorian Indigenous calendar and it was really positive to have students from our university represented. The night was really positive and saw a number of guest speakers discuss issues around treaty, constitutional recognition and of course, allowed for some all-important networking to take place. It was the largest ball to date (with over 700 people in attendance) and a great night was had by all.

Actions & Achievements:

- Semester 1 Department week completed
- Attend NITESG
- NAIDOC Ball

Progress on assigned goals from last report:

- Exam Survival Packs – NOT ACHIEVED/CANCELLED
- Successful and well-attended department week – ACHIEVED
- Create short film in collaboration with MISC – ONGOING
- Early Semester 2 social event – ONGOING
- Smooth NITESG – ACHIEVED

List of goals to be completed by next report:

Goal #1:

Run first social event of sem2

Goal #2:

Plan department week (week 5)

Goal #3:

Present short film plan to IAC

Goal #4:

Support MISC in achieving short course training

Budget expenditure since last report:

Meeting	Amount	Line	Description
7/16	\$1846.24**	Social Events	NAIDOC Ball tickets

** Tickets purchased using MSA credit card. Student contribution will be \$800

 <p>msa monash student association</p>	<p>DENISE ATZINGER VIV STEWART DISABILITIES AND CARERS OFFICER Report to MSC 08/16</p>
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Report covering 18/05/16 – 4/08/16

Actions & Achievements:

We didn't have many actions and achievements in the last few months, partly as Viv went on leave and Denise was only elected during this time, so we spent a lot of time planning and discussing what is actually possible to achieve in the next semester.

Queer Collaborations

Both Viv and Denise attended QC 2016 in Perth this year as Disabilities and Carers officers. We went to be able to broaden our knowledge and experience as well as to contribute to QC being a place of supporting people who are carers or have a disabilities where we could. We made new contacts with other D&C officers around Australia as well as other people in our community who have knowledge about being a carer or having any form of disability that we need. As our department is still very small and not very well known, it was a big help to be able to tell people about our existence and collect new contacts and more knowledge. We both returned with more experience of helping people with disabilities.

Disabilities and Carer's week

This is on right now! We decided not to pack our week too full, as we agreed that the D&C department having a full, stressful week was counterintuitive and not the message we want to send. This week we mostly focused on spreading awareness of our existence, which we think we're doing very well at so far. There have been several first years in particular that have

expressed interest in actively being a part of our department and potentially even being involved in the committee we are planning to set up in the next few weeks. We are going to

have a meeting to establish this committee at the end of the week and will then spend the next few weeks creating it formally. We are hopeful about this, as we already have a few people interested in actively being part of this. We also held a discussion group in order to find out what students need from us and how they believe we can support them better. We ran an info session on the DSS - the Disabilities Support Services - and how exactly to register with them. We did this as we have found that most of our interactions with students somehow involves speaking about the DSS. In this workshop we covered how we could advocate for them in terms of things of lectures or unfair treatment from the DSS or university and how they could even keep anonymity while we do this. On Tuesday we did MSA free food Tuesdays and gave out delicious savoury muffins from Wholefoods on the Menzies Lawn. We really managed to engage quite a few students and spread information about our department in that time, even if we ran out of food quicker than expected. Information about the facebook group was given to many students. Throughout this week we have managed to increase the awareness of what constitutes a disability, as we found that many students were not aware of what classifies as one. Particularly many were not aware of invisible illnesses and that mental health falls into the realm of disability as well.

Quiet Room

We have started establishing our office as a quiet room for students who are in need of a place with low sensory input to use. We have advertised it to a lot of positive response and we have begun planning what we need to be able to properly set it up as this. One thing this requires is looking at if we can keep one door unlocked for students to use and how to secure the computers if this happens.

Further Achievements:

- Facebook group being used to spread awareness of accessibility issues on campus, spreading info, making us aware + how we can help
- Continued advocacy for students with disabilities on campus where needed
- Further liason with the DSS
- Began planing for a committee

Goals from last report:

- Create discussion groups – In progress, looks promising as many have expressed interest
- Have doors installed – In progress, sadly keeps being postponed. That has to be chased up
- Begin establishing a committee – in progress, but we have started!
- Continue advertising and building collective and autonomous facebook group - In progress
- Create a poster to hang on office door outlining the difference between the DSS and the D&C department - In progress, we have one but it is small and not perfect
- Find & train a caretaker for D&C officer bearer - Complete
- Plan D&C week next semester - Complete
- Attend QC as role of D&C officer bearers - Complete

Goals for next few weeks:

- Continue working with Monash Health to improve counselling services
- Lliase with DSS

- Continue growing department
- Create a -bigger- poster to hang on office door outlining the difference between the DSS and the D&C department
- Continue advertising the department as well as the autonomous facebook group
- Establish weekly discussion groups
- Establish a formal committee
- Continue establishing D&C Office as a Quiet Room - speak to security, etc

ATTACHMENT 11 | Lot's Wife Report to 8/16

Lot's Wife Report 2/08/16

Since our last report in July, we have been working on the next edition of Lot's Wife for the year. We have continued to engage with as many students as possible through our weekly writers meeting as well as planning for our upcoming Lot's Wife week (Week 3). So far we have planned some writer's workshops, a BBQ, a writers meeting. For the coming semester we will focus on continuing to meet deadlines for the upcoming editions as well as publishing the election guide. We have also updated our website which will make improving our digital presence easier. Our previous goal of organising events for our department week has been reached as we have organised speakers and are in the process of organising the BBQ and writers meeting. We have created some submission guidelines and will continue to improve our feedback process.

Goals for next MSC:

- Publish election guide
- Publish our final two editions
- Hold launch parties
- Continue to improve our online presence
- Attend and report on the Young National Writers Festival

Finances

Since the last report we have spent \$61 on a new website theme, \$1642 on accommodation and flights for the National Young Writers Festival.

ATTACHMENT 12 | Clubs & Societies Report to MSC 8/16

**Phyllis Pan
C&S President
Report to MSC 08/16
4 August 2016**

Report covering 16/05/2016 – 01/08/2016

Key activities:

Not a lot has been going on these past few months due to final assignments and exams in June, and many members of the C&S Executive travelling interstate or overseas during the mid-year break.

Prescribed Penalty Notices

After exams, over 20 Prescribed Penalty Notices were issued to clubs due to audit results. Of these, 16 were for a prescribed penalty of deregistration, while nine were for a prescribed penalty of demotion. The deadline to appeal these penalties is the end of Week 2.

New Logo

After much anticipation, we have a new logo for Clubs & Societies, thanks to the MSA Communications and Design team. The logo has been updated on all administration documents and social media pages.

C&S End-of-Semester Celebration

The C&S Executive hosted a celebration party at Sir John's Bar on the Tuesday afternoon of Week 12 to acknowledge the hard work of our clubs during Semester 1. We used this event to officially launch our Awards Night, unveil our new logo and new clubs, and facilitate networking between different clubs. We had a game of human bingo to encourage people to talk to each other, and anyone who completed their bingo sheet went into the draw to win a \$10 MSA voucher. All attendees at this event also went into the running to win a free ticket to our Awards Night.

New Auditor

With the graduation of one of our Club Auditors, Joanne Lee, we opened applications for a new Club Auditor. We received 18 applications and then shortlisted six candidates for an interview. After careful consideration, we decided to hire Samuel Ip as our new Club Auditor.

Mid Year Festival

We received interest from around 40 clubs to participate in the Mid Year Festival this year, which is slightly higher than in previous years. Clubs who registered late were put on the waiting list in case any clubs did not show up on the day.

New Club Applications

New club application forms were made available from the start of Week 0. The deadline for submitting an application is the end of Week 2. The C&S Executive will then decide how many and which applications to progress to the next stage.

Clubs Awards Night

The 2016 Clubs Awards Night is coming up soon. Most of the details have been confirmed and communicated with the venue, including the menu. So far, just over 50 tickets have been sold, so we are planning to call clubs directly to encourage them to buy tickets.

Actions and achievements:

- Chaired five meetings of the C&S Executive
- Adopted a new logo
- Held an end-of-semester celebration party
- Hired a new Club Auditor
- Finalised details of the Clubs Awards Night
- Facilitated club participation in the Mid Year Festival
- Reached Level 22 in Pokémon GO
- Wrote this report

Progress on assigned goals from last report:

Goal #1: Finalise changes to the C&S Constitution

Verdict: Ongoing

Goal #2: Decide the food menu for the Clubs Awards Night

Verdict: Complete

Goal #3: Draft up the Returning Officer handbook

Verdict: Ongoing

Goal #4: Review responses to the Club Office Bearer Experience Survey

Verdict: Ongoing

Goal #5: Upload the Preferred Suppliers Guide to the C&S website

Verdict: Ongoing

List of goals to be completed by next report:

Goal #1: Run a successful Awards Night

Goal #2: Finalise changes to the C&S Constitution

Goal #3: Draft up the Returning Officer handbook

Goal #4: Review responses to the Club Office Bearer Experience Survey

Goal #5: Upload the Preferred Suppliers Guide to the C&S website

ATTACHMENT 13 | MAPS Report to MSC 8/16

	<p>REBECCA DOYLE-WALKER MAPS PRESIDENT Report to MSC 08/16 1 August 2016</p>
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Report covering 16/05/16 to 1/08/16

Key activities:

S1 Conclusion:

Semester 1 wound up with a lunch to celebrate the end of classes. We welcomed many new members during the semester and were happy to see them all settling into the routine of study. We look forward to continuing to support them during Semester 2.

SSAF 2017 Application:

The committee has submitted two SSAF applications for consideration – one to allow us to put the finishing touches on the MAPS kitchenette and a second one to replace the carpet throughout the MAPS space/s.

Semester 2 Social Calendar:

The social calendar for Semester 2 has been completed and will be posted in the MAPS lounge as well as weekly on our Facebook page. We will also be trialling two evening events which will hopefully be popular with our constituents.

MAPS Election Returning Officer:

MAPSEC has appointed a Returning Officer for the upcoming election.

Progress on assigned goals from last report:

Goal #1 – Create Social Calendar for S2

Complete

Goal #2 – Lounge Access

Ongoing

List of goals to be completed by next report:

Goal #1 – S2 MAPS Week (Week 9):

Plan and organise daily events for MAPS Week

Goal #2 – Hold Annual Election and AGM:

Conduct election and hold AGM prior to the end of Week 9

ATTACHMENT 14 | NUS Education Conference Report: Glenn Donahoo

	<p>GLENN DONAHOO SECRETARY NUS Education Conference report 1 August, 2016</p>
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Overview

From the 4th to the 7th of July I attended the 2016 Education conference at the University of Sydney, an annual conference held by the National Union of Students. The conference is an opportunity for Student Unionists from around Australia to come together to learn from each other and experts about the issues confronting students and student unions around Australia. Throughout the conference there were a number of discussions held about how the next National Day of Action could be promoted, and what plans the government, which had not been formed at the time, had for Higher Education in Australia. There were also discussions about the role of protests and lobbying in getting change, and discussion on proposed changes to the structure of NUS.

This was the third Education Conference I have attended, but I was able to take a different perspective on a number of the sessions being run due to being an Office-Bearer this year.

Notable Workshops Attended

How to run a grouse event

This event was run by Thomas Parer who is one of the Campus Culture officers at UQ. He discussed what is necessary to run a successful event, including the planning involved and ensuring it is inclusive of as many students as possible. A number of the suggestions made during this workshop will help many of our departments in ensuring the events run, especially during the department week, are as successful as possible.

Can change come through Parliament?

During this discussion there were a number of arguments made about whether Parliament can make lasting change in Australia, particularly around Higher Education, or whether it requires a strong protest movement to ensure that change occurs and is not overturned a few years later. After listening to a number of the arguments made it became clear that the parliament can create change, but a protest movement alongside lobbying can ensure that the change continues to be enacted.

Mental Health Matters

I went to this session as well as a session run on the basics of Mental Health First Aid. The focus on Mental Health during Welfare Day was quite important, as it highlighted the importance of the issue and how vital ensuring there are proper support processes in place for students suffering from mental health issues. Having Headspace come to talk about their services was helpful to know where students facing mental health can go to for help. It was unfortunate that a large group of attendees decided not to attend this session, but everyone who did attend did get a lot of important information out of it.

NUS Rules and Regulations

This session was quite useful in my role, as it explained what is necessary to ensure the MSA properly affiliates to NUS and ensures that the delegates elected at our elections are able to vote at the NUS National Conference at the end of this year. I was also able to learn about the structure of NUS's governing documents, which is slightly different to the MSA's structure, with three levels of documents rather than the two levels present in the MSA. While I do not believe the MSA should change to this model, it was interesting to see how another organisation is structured.

Union Panel

The Union Panel showed how Unions are still relevant in Australia and are an important protection from workers in Australia. There were representatives from a wide range of unions present and they all gave slightly different perspectives on what Student Unions can do in encouraging students to become a part of the union movement.

Hunting Ground Screening

The Screening of the Hunting Ground was very important and showed why the Support Student Safety, Stop the War on Women Campaign being run by the NUS Women's Department is so important. While the documentary is about Colleges in the United States it showed a number of the same issues that occur at Australian Universities and events run for university students.

Media Panel

The Media Panel comprised of a number of journalists from different media companies who all had very good insight into how students can get media coverage of actions and campaigns being run, and how that media attention can boost the effectiveness of the action or campaign.

Accessibility and Student Activism

This session, which was co-hosted by Monash student Kapil Bhargava gave a number of helpful suggestions on what can be done by activists and student unions to ensure that

campaigns being run are accessible to all students and that the needs of all students are considered when running the campaign.

ATTACHMENT 15 | NUS Education Conference Report: Jessica Stone

Education (Academic Affairs) Conference Report 1/16

	<p>Jessica Stone Education (Academic Affairs) Conference Report, 1/16</p>
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CONTENT WARNING: The following report may contain discussion of sexual assault and harassment, mental health and violence against women.

National Union of Students (NUS) Education Conference 2016

NUS Education Conference 2016 was held at the University of Sydney between the 3rd-7th of July. We both attended this conference as a way to connect with other students across Australia as well as other Education Officers. We had a chance to attend some great workshops from combating activist burnout to effectively campaigning on issues at both a national and campus level. Through these sessions we gained new ideas as well as workshopping current plans to affect change at Monash.

Another vital part of the conference was the opportunity to plan for the August 24th National Day of Action with many activists from Victorian and Australia more broadly. This time was vital in coordinating stunts, actions and more primary planning.

Hunting Ground Screening

Following on from the preview we attended at the 2015 Education Conference, we had the opportunity of viewing the movie length version this year. The documentary was based around the reports of numerous sexual assaults occurring at university campuses across the US.

Activist Burnout Workshop

This workshop explored the often acknowledged feeling of activist burnout. In this workshop we learned ways to combat this feeling and how to minimise its occurrence in the future. This included learning how to delegate tasks to take the pressure off individual team members, learning when to take breaks and to not push ourselves to the limit.

Plenary on campaigns

The plenary was an opportunity for each campus to report on campaigns we were at with on campus campaigns, and also our approach to the upcoming National Day of Action on August 24th. For Dan and myself, our night exams campaign was at the forefront of our agenda,

however hearing the issues other student unions were facing was interesting and gave us insight into other ways of approaching pre-existing campaigns.

ATTACHMENT 16 | NUS Education Conference Report: Daniel Ffrench-Mullen

	<p>Daniel Ffrench-Mullen Education (Academic Affairs) Conference Report, 1/16</p>
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NUS Education Conference:

The National Union of Students Education Conference was held between the 3rd and 7th of July at the University of Sydney. I attended this conference with a number of other office-bearers from the MSA to learn more about student unionism and help plan effective campaigns.

Through a variety of workshops and plenaries I gained vital knowledge of both the history of student unionism and ongoing fights for students' rights in Australia.

Jess and I also used this time to meet with other education officers from student unions around the country. Through semi-formal and informal meetings we shared ideas about campaigns, getting more student representation on university boards and even effective union structure as it relates to education.

I attended a number of workshops covering topics such as the 1916 Easter Rising, the relationship between unions and the parliament, effective campus campaign planning and many others. Sessions on campus planning were of particular help and gave Jess and I the opportunity to discuss night exams with activists from around the country.

The issue of trending restructures in universities across the country was a continuous issue in many sessions during the conference. We learned of a number of insidious restructures that will affect staff and students as well as getting involved in the more high profile campaign against the University of Sydney College of the Arts closure. We took part in a demonstration against the closure on the first day. The campaign was a success and the decisions have been reversed. Restructures at Monash were also discussed and we will continue to keep a close eye on changes to ensure that there is no negative impact on students or staff.

A highlight of the conference was the opportunity to plan for the National Day of Action on August 24th with scores of activists from Victoria and more from across Australia. We put together a plethora of plans for basic planning as well as stunts and other alternative promotional actions.

Jess and I also met with various education officers from unions around the country including UTS, Usyd and ANU to discuss a variety of issues relevant to our departments.

The Education Conference was an incredibly useful and enjoyable experience that has and will continue to help with the running of our department for the rest of the year.

ATTACHMENT 17 | NUS Education Conference Report: Jayden Crozier

Jayden Crozier NUS Education Conference 2016 Report Back.

From July 4- July 7 2016, I attended the National Union of Student's Education Conference hosted at the University of Sydney. With this being my second Education Conference to date, I found there to be varying differences that were ultimately positive. The discussion this year tended to draw back to what we as students intend to achieve in the aftermath of the 2016 federal election. Especially with successful campaigns in the past year, there was a general acceptance of the challenges ahead in ensuring that our issues do not fall away from the national agenda.

Unsurprisingly, this was a subject that many of the conference attendees felt quite passionate about. The conference organisers should be credited in putting together the many panels, workshops and guest speakers.

The conference began with a welcome to country, setting a positive tone of the conference with an acknowledgement to the traditional owners of the land in which the University of Sydney sits.

Tuesday was essentially a prelude to the ongoing discussions that would follow throughout the conference. The first speakers highlighted the importance of relational meetings in community organising. This focused on coalition building at a local grassroots level, and discussed in detail anecdotes relating to some of the one-on-one meetings the speakers have had with individuals.

There was a lot to take away from this first speech and it will certainly assist in the future.

However, here were some disappointing elements. The discussion was often hijacked by conference attendees intending to push their views on the rest of us. The speakers dealt with this disruption in an adequate way, though it could have been handled better.

Following the initial speakers came the political panel. The panellists came from varying backgrounds and all gave different perspectives on how students can organise in order to fightback against any negative efforts by the government. The panellists were generally fairly reserved and there was no real tension in terms of heated disagreement. Instead, the discussion played to what we as students can do further in the months ahead. The panel brought valuable insight, but ultimately there could have been a more robust conversation.

The rest of the day was filled with workshops. I attended the discussion around the 1916 Easter Rising, the Cross Campus; Ethno-Cultural Network discussion, and finally the Activist Legal; AntiProtest Laws 101. These workshops proved to be extremely valuable in educating me on some of the issues surrounding their relevant topics. The Activist legal workshop in particular was quite interesting, especially for me being outside the New South Wales context. Similarly, learning about the historical importance of the Easter rising was beneficial. There could have been a lot to gain out of Betty Belay's workshop centered on building an ethno-cultural network; however, other conference attendees behaved in such a way that ensured the workshop couldn't run. It was effectively cancelled after a short period of time. Apart from this specific instance, these workshops alone were reason enough to attend the conference.

The day was finished off with a plenary centered around building successful campaigns. It was an effective platform that allowed students from across the country to contribute in a discussion on how to better run education campaigns. Hearing the various perspectives of office bearers and campus leaders from other universities allowed me to get a better understanding of our own efforts in this area. This discussion had a broad focus with many issues being highlighted. Cuts to education, staff cuts, attacks on tafe, night-exams etc. were all areas being discussed. Ultimately, this plenary was beneficial as it allowed us to reflect on past campaigns and work better to run more effective ones in the future.

Wednesday appeared to be a more reserved day, beginning with a speech about mental health wherein which a majority of conference goers did not attend. It focused on the importance of mental health, particularly for student. The speaker, from Headspace, gave important insight into some of the efforts being made to help remedy the problem of mental health for young people.

Following this speech, I attended a workshop on improving autonomous representation on campus for women. This was a valuable workshop that gave rise to important discussion regarding how women are represented on various campuses from around the country. It gave me opportunity to understand what I can do in my capacity as an ally for women in the various campaign ideas being floated.

A union panel came after this and built on a lot of the things talked about the previous day. It was interesting to hear from a number of differently positioned unions within the labour movement, as well their relationships with external organisations and even with each other. With it being in the aftermath of the election, there was a large focus on what could have been

done differently. There was a decent discussion and some argument, though the panellists tended to fall back on the same ideas that have been echoed throughout the conference.

How to get involved in anti-poverty week followed this and the speaker gave great insight into what we can do, in our capacity as students, to help bring poverty down. Subsequent to this discussion was a dialogue about the upcoming campaigns being run by the Welfare and Women's departments. This was useful in that it gave us the ability to prepare for the semester ahead and properly contribute to these campaigns. There was some issue with there being rowdiness amongst some of the audience, though it was handled well and the main topics were discussed in detail.

The Save ATSI workshop, run by Lizzie Green was supposed to come after this. However, unfortunately it was ultimately cancelled. So I instead attended the discussion on marriage equality and defending safe schools. This workshop quickly turned into a debate on whether or not the union should support/participate in a plebiscite on marriage equality. The hour consisted of the same arguments being thrown back and forth without any concessions. Despite this, it was still fruitful and I feel like I gained enough out of it.

The final day concluded with a strong finish, featuring another panel, guest speakers and interesting workshops throughout the day. The media panel in the morning was engaging and each of the panellists gave great insight into how our campaigns can be tweaked in order to appeal to the media and gain coverage. This was very beneficial, especially with the speakers discussing the way the media companies operate.

The workshop centered on accessibility and student activism was similarly useful. Kapil Bhargava and Millie Austin-Andrews, who ran the workshop, gave great insight into how we can better understand how to make student activism, or activism in general, more accessible. There was a lot to gain from this workshop, and it was definitely worth going to.

I then attended a discussion on neoliberalism and higher education. This workshop had potential to be beneficial, however it was poorly run. The main discussion kept falling back on ideological talking points and there was a failure to go any further than that. The speech that was given was repetitive and lacked a nuanced view of the higher education system.

Apart from this, the conference concluded on a strong note. While I've only commented on some of the workshops and plenaries that I was able to attend, I do feel the conference was definitely a worthwhile exercise. It allowed for a decent productive discussion of the issues surrounding students and education. I now feel emboldened with new knowledge that can take

me further in fighting for students in the future, which I'd say is exactly what you want to gain from conferences like these.

ATTACHMENT 18 | NUS Education Conference Report: Sumudu Setunge

Education Conference Report Back – Sumudu Setunge Education Public Affairs

General Overview

The 2016 Education conference held at the University of Sydney allowed for the open discussion across campuses around Australia to discuss the crucial issues surrounding education. The great diversity in conference attendees coming from all parts of the country brought a larger platform of discussion that enabled Education officers such as myself to gain new insights and skills into dealing with Education at a university level. The various issues surrounding university restructures and campaigns nationwide allowed for a communal and open debate, providing a very productive and efficient conference.

Plenary on Campaigns

The plenary was a great platform from which campus leaders and office bearers were able to contribute to a universal discussion on ongoing education campaigns. Hearing from the ways in which other campuses went about addressing upcoming issues at university campuses allowed us to broaden our skillset and together discuss new ways in which to engage the student body. Things such as using the social media platform more effectively and targeting students within their respective faculties to issues that concern them. Whilst there was some heated discussion that may not have proved as productive the majority of the session allowed for new ideas to be thoroughly developed. Further as we split up into our respective states, we were able to implement the foundation of building our campaigns on a state level to widen the audience reached.

The main orientation of this plenary was of course the National Day of Action scheduled for the 24th of August wherein we outlined that this protest would not only focus on attacks to higher education and staff cuts, but also focus on newer areas such as TAFE as well as more importantly include demands for more funding to higher education. We were able to reflect on the highs and lows of the past two National Day's of Action and moreover improve from these two past protests in the hope to engage more students and gain more attention to these crucial cuts affecting university students.

Ethno-cultural Discussion on People of colour collective/Department

The National Union of Students Ethno-cultural officer was able to hold a session on the basis of encouraging and aiding campuses currently without a People of Colour collective or department. The session allowed us to hear from campuses such as the University of Melbourne who recently were able to create a people of colour department and learn from the ways in which they engaged their students and overall implement the department. This was a really enlightening discussion that was crucial to the campaign that Sully and I would like to take into the next semester.

Many people brought up that it was important to firstly have an engaged and active collective that could support and advocate for the implementation of this department. We also learned that it was crucial to advertise the campaign effectively and include the issues and problems around campus that this collective and department could address.

Meeting with other Education Officers

Another vital part of the conference included meeting up with the various other Education Officers to discuss ways in which our respective campus campaigns had succeeded or failed. This network allowed for the communication between different types of leaders in education at university campuses and we were introduced to a diverse range of ideas that we are actively considering implementing at our own campuses.

Overall the conference allowed for a productive and efficient discussion of the issues surrounding education particularly at university campuses. It introduced us to new ideas and strategies that we can implement to further engage students in their own education and how we can better use our position to help students and make them aware of changes that are relevant to them.

ATTACHMENT 19 | NUS Education Conference Report: Sulaiman Enayatzada

NUS Education Conference – Sulaiman Enayatzada:

The Education Conference is an annual conference that is centered around student unionism and also any campaigns being run by the National Union of Students (NUS). In particular, there were 3 major campaigns that stood out to me: the ongoing campaign against the current governments cuts to higher education, the campaign for a People of Colour (POC) department across the various campuses around the country, and the campaign against sexual assault at universities.

The campaign against the current governments attacks is something that has taken precedence at the past couple of Education Conferences, and this conference was no different. There were various workshops held over the 3 days of the conference that were centered about various aspects of the governments agenda. On Day 3 of the Conference all universities at the conference broke into their respective states and discussed what will be done to promote and organize the next National Day of Action protest on August 24th, furthermore the date of the next Education Action Network meetings was decided. The workshops were productive and vital to kicking off the campaign.

The campaign for a People of Colour (POC) departments was perhaps the most interesting and engaging. Betty, the NUS Ethno-Cultural officer held a workshop with the people who are leading the campaign in their respective states and discussed how they should go about leading said campaigns and how she will help within her capacity as the national officer. I found it to be very helpful especially considering that the Education (Public Affairs) will be leading the campaign for a POC department at Monash University (Clayton).

Finally, the campaign against sexual assault was the most eye-opening of all the workshops during the 3 days. The campaign was kicked off by the screening of

The Hunting Ground, a movie that focuses on sexual assault at American universities which I found to be very confronting, I never realized how bad the situation was, and what was even more shocking is that there is very little information with regards to sexual assault at Australian universities. Hence why it's really important and good that NUS is running a major campaign to collect information and hopefully stop any future

All in all, Education Conference was eye-opening and vital to my campaigns as education officer at Monash University.

ATTACHMENT 20 | NUS Education Conference Report: Tess Dimos

I attended the Education Conference over the semester break with the intention of bringing some of the positive developments in the Education Campaign at Monash to the attention of education activists nationally, as well as to discuss and address some of the problems with the national education campaign, namely the immense resources directed to the election campaign NUS organised.

Before the conference started, an extremely energetic and angry protest of Sydney College of the Arts students took place which I was very excited to attend. It involved hundreds of students participating in a protest against the closure of their university, the kind of actions that can happen when students are involved in a campaign that wants to get off the ground and has hostility to the people attacking students rights (in this case the Dean). Although it was unfortunate there weren't more education activists who had travelled to Sydney for the conference who participated in the protesters attempts to enter the Senate meeting where decisions were being made regarding the future of SCA; it was great to be a part of lending support to those students and learning from their campaign and energy. I think it is crucial that Education activists and student unionists be leading these demonstrations and campaigns and pushing them to go forward and to be successful.

The most significant, relevant and useful workshop was an all in discussion of how to build the next student demonstration. We split up into states to discuss the nature of the event and the building work for each state. In Victoria, Monash was able to boast about a lot of the positive campaign work we have done so far this year around education, which was useful for other universities that perhaps have more difficulties due to their size, location or hostile student unions. Monash was also able to offer assistance to other student unions in need of more funding, through supplying stickers and posters to campuses across Victoria, and particularly assisting RMIT. We also made a series of plans for campuses to start implementing over the break, including having on campus Education Action Group meetings, printing material early and doing heavy poster runs, online promotion, consistently leafleting students as they come onto campus, etc. These have been successfully put in motion by the Monash Education Action Group and the office bearers and activists involved in the campaign, or hopefully will be shortly.

It is extremely useful for people involved in the education campaign to attend these conferences precisely because of the ability to learn from other campuses about what has been successful and unsuccessful in building a strong education campaign. It was unfortunate more of the conference was not dedicated to discussion of this campaign.

Another important session was the debate between the National Education Officer Max Murphy and the National LGBTI Officer April Holcomb regarding the merits of the election campaign run by the National Union of students. This was an important debate for NUS and education activists to have due to the immense resources and energy student unionists who are also members of the Labor Party put into the election campaign, to the detriment of the campaign to defend students rights which was clearly defunded and deprioritised nationally. Student unions exist primarily to campaign to promote the rights of students, especially against hostile attacks at the hands of the government and the university administration. Furthermore, student unions should hold basic union politics of solidarity with workers and other oppressed groups, particularly when they come under attack and when they struggle. The election campaign run by NUS did neither of these things, in fact it was a rejection of student unionism. It endorsed and campaigned for and convinced working class families and students to support a political party that had made its official policy over \$3billion worth of funding cuts to higher education, forcing students to repay their HECS debt earlier, lending legitimacy to the fair work commission when it proposed to cut penalty rates, and endorsed a series of the Liberal governments 'zombie measures' from the widely hated 2014 budget. This is not about supporting and defending students, it's about supporting and defending the Labor Party against legitimate criticisms and hostility people have to the Labor Party. Furthermore, in a period in which refugees on Manus Island and Nauru have been protesting for months against bipartisan policy, it was essential that NUS shows Solidarity with them rather than promoting a political party responsible for keeping them locked up.

I participated in this debate however, as expected, there was no agreement on the floor. I anticipate this will be an ongoing debate for the national union of students.

I ran a workshop titled 'What Kind of Student Unions Do We Need'. Approximately 15 people came. This talk outlined an approach to student unionism that incorporates left wing union politics that involve actively campaigning for students rights.

Other workshops I attended and participated in include:

- neoliberalism and higher education
- the social media 101
- Trump, Sanders, Clinton; US elections
- activism burnout
- union organising
- principles of union organising
- Unions Elections and the ALP
- the SCA campaign

There were many people in the 'Principles of Union Organising' workshop who argued striking is counter to the interests of workers, that it is impossible for union officials to organise strikes because the workforce is not willing strike, and that "workers are strongest when they are working". These arguments need to be hotly contested as they contradict the significant gains

made by workers this year and historically by taking strike action, and instead pushes passivity and elitism on the union movement. I am extremely happy the MSA has rejected this approach and instead supported a significant strike of Polar Fresh workers initiated by the union delegates and rank and file members.

The education conference remains a useful yearly event for student unionists and education activists to debate how the student unions should be run and to organise nation wide campaigns, particularly the education campaign.

ATTACHMENT 21 | NUS Education Conference Report: Kim Stern

Both ESJ office-bearers attended the National Union of Student's Education Conference held at Sydney University July 4-7. This conference was a gathering of activists from around the country, with the purpose of discussing left wing issues, debating the direction of the union, and importantly the education campaign. This conference and NUS's National Conference are the only two events every year where these debates can happen to it was important for us to attend, having been involved in the various different campaigns NUS has run.

There were a number of important debates running through the conference that we intervened into. In the plenary session discussing NUS's Put The Liberals Last campaign, I argued that it was fundamentally wrong and politically disastrous for members of the Australian Labor Party inside NUS to spend student money uncritically campaigning for a party which had openly supported \$3.6bn cuts to higher education, the continuation of mandatory offshore detention, as well as a whole range of racist national security laws. That this campaign stood in direct counter-position to the purpose of NUS, which is to defend students against attacks on education, and this it has left our movement in a worse position. As a positive alternative, we used this conference as an opportunity to make the case for fighting street protests and a student movement that looks to involve the most students to fight for their rights against any party that attacks education.

I have a session on the US elections with Hersha Kadkol, drawing out the lessons of the growth of the Right in America and how to fight it for activists in Australia. This session was attended by 100 attendees.

During the conference, the Let SCA Stay campaign to stop the closure of the Sydney College of the Arts held a protest and forum. The students at the SCA and the activists involved in defending it had many important lessons for other campuses facing cuts and closures. Firstly, they made sure all information was public and promoted the attacks Sydney University planned. Secondly, rather than lobbying behind closed doors, the campaign has sort to hold a variety of protests, stunts, and actions. I learnt a lot about how to prmote and run a student campus based campaign from this.

We also represented students at Monash in the session dedicated to building the August 24 National Day of Action. I wanted to make sure the National Union of Students called a rally for education rights in the first half of the second semester, as it didn't matter who would eventually won the federal elections, the campaign needed to continue with street mobilisations of students.

ATTACHMENT 22 | NOWSA Report: Jessica Stone

	<p>Jessica Stone Education (Academic Affairs) Conference Report, 1/16</p>
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Network of Women Students Australia (NOWSA) Conference 2016

NOWSA Conference was held from the 11th-16th July 2016 at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS).

Autonomous Caucusing

Autonomous caucusing was held each day of conference as a time for those in oppressed groups to address issues in their community and to reclaim power in a space where it is often taken. The autonomous caucus is for those that identify with the group, whereas the pro-caucus is comprised of those that do not identify with the autonomous groups. For example, one of the caucuses I attended was the Women of Colour pro-caucus. I don't identify as a woman of colour, so the pro-caucus was an opportunity for the autonomous caucus to direct us (pro-caucus) on issues affecting their community. This was a time for reflection and discussion on issues such as racism, representation in the community and politics, cultural identity, etc.

The Hunting Ground Screening

Although I already viewed a screening of *The Hunting Ground* at EdCon, at NOWSA we had the opportunity to watch the full version. The extended version contained more footage exploring the institutionalised sexism and misogyny entrenched in the sporting programs within the universities in the US. As with the screening at EdCon, the NOWSA screening was followed by a panel. One panelist, the College Officer at USyd spoke on the recent reports of sexual assault and harassment occurring at some of the University's most prestigious colleges. She recognised that university culture and that of on-campus accommodation often permits and excuses negative attitudes and behaviour towards women

Support Student Safety, Stop the War on Women Campaign/Rally

The campaign was focussed on prioritising women's safety on university campuses and fighting back against negative attitudes towards women within the student and wider community. At the close of the conference, we had the opportunity to attend a rally organised by the NUS NSW Women's Officer Jocelyn Dracakis and the NUS Women's Officer Heidi LaPaglia.

Counting Ballots Workshop

This workshop was a great opportunity to learn skills that aren't often passed down to women, in a predominately male political landscape. We watched a video issued by the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) that showed us different voting systems.

Network of Women Students Australia (NOWSA) Conference Report

Melanie Loudovaris

This year NOWSA 2016 was held from July 11th – 16th at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS). I attended in my official capacity as MSA Women's Officer. It was challenging in many ways, personally and professionally but I feel undoubtedly a new and stronger person because of it. On previous Women's officer's advice, I took leave off after, and I would continue this recommendation for future officers, you will be tired in all the ways you can be and will likely pick up some kind of bug. Be sure to take care of yourself before, during and after. And with that I shall recap my time at NOWSA 2016, events attended will be dot pointed with key lessons/takeaways underneath.

Monday 11th July

A delayed flight unfortunately meant we missed the welcome to country but I would like to pay my respects to We pay respect to the Gadigal People of the Eora Nation upon whose ancestral lands the UTS city campus now stands as well as pay respect to the Elders both past and present, acknowledging them as the traditional custodians of knowledge for this land. We also missed the introductory information session but were able to register and join in for morning tea.

Indigenous Women's Panel

- A greater understanding of the connectedness to spirituality of Indigenous People
- How this intersects with the concepts of gender and feminism
- The need to amplify existing voices as oppose to speaking for them
- To switch out the thinking of bringing people into "our" spaces in the name of intersectionality but instead support them in their spaces, let them lead/speak and attend events that support them as opposed to generate own

The Hunting Ground & the NUS 'SUPPORT STUDENT SAFETY, STOP THE WAR ON WOMEN' Campaign Workshop

- Provided a great overview of the campaign, what it hopes to achieve as well as bringing together various Women's officers to discuss
- ANU has a security app that other universities can duplicate
- Another university did a pledge video with staff and students pledging to tackle the problem
- Clear that universities are reluctant to communicate but know they have to act, red tape gets in the way everywhere
- Safer Communities Unit is known to other Universities and is considered one of the best components of Monash's support system, but everyone agreed they are hard to find and offer unclear outcomes

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Pro-Caucus

- First introduction to pro-caucus system, makes people feel odd in that you are discussing a group in their absence from a position of privilege
- Echoing sentiments laid out by the panel
- Focus was on amplifying voices and attending events of those from those that are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander as opposed to generating own particularly in the university setting and in activist spaces
- There was a real acknowledgement of the generational trauma that Indigenous people face that goes way back and persists to this day and how impactful this can be on life and identity as well as connection to the women's rights movement

We settled into our accommodation late in the day, we chose a smaller more boutique hotel that would ultimately be of great benefit throughout the week and as such I would recommend this to future women's officers. I would also recommend that if it is within budget, to arrive the day prior as that will save a lot of hustling about on the first day. I also purchased some breakfast goods so that people had something to eat each morning, this worked well throughout the week.

Tuesday 12th July

Everyone managed to wake up and getting going in the morning. All was well in terms of sleeping arrangements and all delegates were doing well.

Thursdays in Black: Developing a student movement response to sexual violence (a lesson from NZ) Workshop

- Hosted by visiting attendees from New Zealand that were awesome contributors throughout the week
- Explored activism from an art perspective and was really powerful in imagery and language and showed how even individual demonstration can hold immense power
- Explained the origin of the Thursdays in Black movement as well as how they are growing it and how we can get involved in Australia and how simple things like wearing black can help grow a movement without using triggering language and imagery
- Emphasis on changing wording around sexual assault from 'on campus' to 'in student communities' as universities have been strict in applying that wording and as such failing to support students

Poetry

- Throughout the week we were treated to poetry presented by Women Writes Movement
- Each and every time there was something that provided insight in the poems and it highlighted that not all that can be learnt is in academic readings but can also be found in the creative

“Activism with an Audience” Media Panel

- Provided a cool look into the life of those in the media that are politically minded and wish to further social justice issues
- Good discussion on the need to sometime put the personal aside and the privilege that comes with being established enough you can choose what work you take
- Whilst it had a good panel, relied on previous knowledge of panellists heavily, isolating many in the audience
- The panel lacked diversity and had minimal discussion of intersections as such was my least favourite of those presented throughout the conference

Supporting Students with Cognitive Dysfunction

- Allowed solid insight to what cognitive dysfunction is, how it affects life as well as how it is not directly an impairment but is made so by the world and the demands placed on individuals
- Explored the unique difficulties these students face as well as what changes that can be pushed for in universities to help support them (as well as other students)

Sex-worker Panel

- Exploration of what draws people to sex work as well as the legitimacy of doing it only for the money

- Reinforced the idea that decriminalization is the preferred method regulation for most sex workers as well as explained problems with existing systems like the Swedish model and criminalization
- Brought up the idea that in order to fully support sex workers, hard stances like being anti-porn can mean that you aren't really supporting all sex workers and their rights

Trans Women's Pro-caucus

- Watched video detailing life of a trans woman and they little and major difficulties they face varying from fear of violence to not ever being able to experience being a young girl
- A lot of privilege checking was done as well as discussion of how to make women's spaces more comfortable and accessible
- Also discussed was ways we can be sure to as inclusive as possible in language and an honest exploration of how we would feel if an individual in our family came out as trans

CAPA Movie Night

- We watched Bend it like Beckham
- We discussed how the book initially had Jess and Jules end up together and how the influence of heteronormativity and pressure from the studio meant that instead we got a forced, underdeveloped relationship with Joe
- Ok we didn't discuss we talked at the screen and laughed and oohed and ahed to great effect
- Basically the movie is better if you ignore Joe because Jess and Jules are adorable together and represent a beautiful blossoming relationship that crosses cultures and defies parental expectations and they are obviously having a great time together in America

Wednesday 13th July

Plans were laid out in the morning to all have dinner together at the accommodation as we were preparing for an emotional evening due to *The Hunting Ground* screening and panel. We also had a late arrival of a delegate but that went fine.

Refugee Women's Panel

- Many of the sentiments brought up during the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander panel were mirrored here, about amplifying voices and attending events by those that are refugees
- The difficulties and discrimination that refugees face were explored with emphasis on how we as advocates for women's rights have to embrace all human rights causes

Muslim Women's Caucus

- Whilst there was a hyper-focus on clothing like the hijab and burka, there was discussion of assumptions made about Muslim women including that their religion is restrictive/oppressive
- There was discussion of how Muslim women can feel uncomfortable or unwelcome in university spaces particularly with the rise of islamophobia but also including autonomous spaces like queer rooms and women's spaces

Meeting for Women's Officers with Sex Discrimination Commissioner Kate Jenkins

- This provided us (the women's officers, the MPA Women's Officer and a residential hall women's representative) to talk to other women's representatives about the issues that we face as women and in particular as women students
- It enabled us to speak to the Commissioner about what we can do to support her work and what she can do to support ours in particular regarding sexual assault in student communities

- We were also spoken to about the incoming nationwide survey that will look into this issue as well as what we can do to support it and make it as effective as possible

***The Hunting Ground* screening and Panel Discussion**

- Provided to be the most challenging event of all of NOWSA, we all had to emotionally support one another through the film with many feeling affected, we took a short break after and re-joined for the panel

Thursday 14th July

Was running late and missed the Key note speaker, Penny Sharpe as I was helping a delegate out. Many felt the week catch up to them and slept in and we made sure we cultivated an environment that focused on self-care as opposed to attendance.

LGBTIQA+ Caucus

- Discussion on people not feeling enough to come to the caucus, how to make community better and more welcoming as well as eliminate the white ‘gaytriarchy’ and ensure that people are being disrespectful or exclusionary of others
- Lots around the phenomenon of abuse and assault within queer relationships

Ask a Sex Worker

- Enabled delegates to ask honest questions about what it means to be in the sex work industry
- Explored how we can support and protect sex workers (who are quite often students) in university

Women’s & Gay Liberation in Australia: Rethinking Second wave feminism and intersectionality

- Very theory based, didn’t get much out of it and could tell it isolated those without a gender studies background

Women of Colour Pro-caucus

- Extremely well structured that really allowed everyone to check their privilege but in less of a self-congratulatory way
- We looked at ways universities and student organisations are failing women of colour as well as why they might not want to or feel involved in events and women’s spaces

Friday 15th July

Disabilities Caucus

- Talked about how disability is often the last intersection people consider in progressive spaces e.g. how NOWSA events were inaccessible, how this happens a lot in activist spaces
- Discussion around “people with a disability” vs “disabled person”, what the definition of disability is, what may prevent people from identifying as such
- Discussed how universities are not supporting students with disabilities and how many don’t have student reps, and if they do how they face additional challenges due to the nature of their position

Challenging Chats: How to disagree online and keep learning in autonomous spaces

- Open discussion on how to communicate online, balancing out opposing ideas and the need to communicate with others outside of our circles to make change and the difficulties that come along with that
- Provided tips for moderating autonomous groups and engaging (or not) with trolls

Sexual Violence Won't Be Silenced Panel: Combatting Cybersexism in the 21st Century

- Talked about the various ways the panellist combated cybersexism in their personal and professional lives
- Spoke about need for legislation to catch up to technology and how technology and social media has allowed sexism to resurge particularly amongst younger demographics
- Noted that it comes from everyone not just men

Saturday 16th July

Conference Floor

- It went on forever, had low attendance, was disorganised, hardly held quorum, clashed with the demonstration and had no clear standing orders that made for a messy and stressful conference floor that polarised a lot of our delegates and caused them to leave early

We managed through much stress to get everyone in taxis to get to the airport and the amazing Jess Stone helped out getting everyone through the airport and home once in Melbourne so shout out to her. Thank you to everyone who helped us survive throughout the week.

ATTACHMENT 24 | QC Report: Martinus Kraan

Martinus Kraan, male queer officer conference report,

Presented to 8/16 MSC on 4/8/16

Preamble:

Before QC there was a few attempts at fundraising in order to ease the financial burden of flying to Perth, registering for the conference and staying in accommodation for a week. This fundraising included a trivia night and bake sale, however we also received a substantial donation from pro-vice chancellor David Copolov which enabled us to send a much larger contingent than we previously thought possible.

Overview:

The conference went from Monday 4/7 to Saturday 9/7 and included full days of various types of workshops, meetings and conference planning. Within this short span of time a national gathering of queer university students sought out to plan how we would cooperate and act over the following year and how to better run QC in the future. The conference also provided great opportunity for the sharing over knowledge on many queer issues and discussion on a range of topics relating to sexuality and gender.

Activities:

The conference began with an information session on the format that QC would take throughout the week and involved the voting in the various roles required for the conference including conference floor executive, a returning officers to assist voting as well as a grievance collective that I joined. Following this the meeting the rest of the day was filled with caucus for different autonomous groups.

Grievance Collective

A role that I took on from the very start of the conference was to be a member of the grievance collective that would assist in solving problems individuals had during the conference by resolving them with the collective and the aggrieved member. This took up a considerable time with daily meetings and additional time to be taken aside and talk with people especially at the evening events where the safety and desires of the aggrieved person was more immediate. Other roles of the grievance collective were reporting to the conference floor in which the collective held a reasonable amount of power, also staying sober at events and offering support to the other grievance members.

‘Ending queer youth homelessness’

A workshop that went into the progress so far of this campaign and what students across universities can do to help support the movement. As it stands queer youth are much more likely to become homeless due to circumstances surrounding their home life and also more likely to develop substance dependencies and various mental illnesses. The support departments such as MQD can provide included emergency housing or 24 hour access to bedding arrangements and arranging meetings or assistance with centrelink. As a larger department we’ll be seeing about getting some way to support smaller universities in this matter, as it is a widespread issue.

‘We’ve messed up whats next?’ and other Monash workshops

We attended many of the workshops that were run by members of our own contingent in order to show our support and provide some feedback to them. These workshops talked about representation and how to navigate apologizing for problematic behaviour.

Victorian Caucus

Very useful session in which multiple victorian representatives met to discuss how we would collectively operate throughout the year. In the past this has meant forming the Victorian Queer Student Network (VQSN) which has mean a means to coordination action and collaboration between students on Victorian campuses, however struggles to maintain itself due to the other obligations of its members in positions like mine, especially as there is often hand-over to new queer officers between QC’s. So as an alternate this year the meeting focused more on how a possible VQSN could remained formed for an extended period of time and how we as individuals could reach out to more tertiary education institutions in order to allow more people to attend QC and participate in the queer community on a national level.

Australian Queer Student Network (AQSN) anual general meeting

The AQSN has functioned as a way for students to plan and organize on a national scale in between each QC, this includes certain campaigns such as ‘Ending Queer Youth Homelessness’

and 'No Pride in Detention' which will both be worked on throughout the rest of the year. We elected new executive to the network and we'll be attending the first meeting since QC during this week via Skype.

Conference Floor

Where all members of QC could come together and put forward motions on how the QC body should act and change for the following year. This includes amending the conference policies and some of its practices as well as allowing the conference to make decisions and take action that affect queer students on a national level such as making sure that many universities are represented at the conference and having the conference as accessible as possible. This led to some issues however in which a conflict of interest occurred between people wishing to freely wear certain attire and people who affected by these outfits, but this was not resolved. In all the conference floor should lead to a much better conference in Woolongong next year

Minor Notes + Fun stuff

Some of the energy expended during the conference was spent ensuring that all of our contingent was managing ok, both with the content and atmosphere of the conference and so measures were taken to ensure the mental health of our contingent. On a lighter note most evenings were dedicated to enjoying ourselves with events like karaoke, speed friending, clubbing and other events to break up the work of the conference. Some of our members also took some time off to either go to the zoo or journey around and explore Sydney.

Summary:

Overall the conference was as much a success for us in our positions as it was for the students we brought with us in which everyone participated eagerly and enjoyed themselves. We hope next year's officers have no trouble organizing and attending as it is an important experience for many of us and valuable to be able to connect on a national level to other queer tertiary students.

ATTACHMENT 25 | QC Report: Amy Grimmer

Amy Grimmer

Female Queer Officer

Queer Collaborations 2016 Conference Report

Submitted to MSC 8/16

Thursday 4th August

Overview:

This year Queer Collaborations (QC) was held July 4th-10th at Curtin University, Perth. During the conference I was able to attend many workshops and other activities (though not as many as I wanted to). It was great to see lots of people from around Australia get together to hash out issues that needed to be addressed in the community, as well as see all our Monash delegates get out there, get involved, meet new people, and learn (and teach) great things.

Workshops:

Conference Floor

Conference floor went as most conference floors do, sometimes quickly and drama free and sometimes very slowly and with high tension. Most of the motions that were passed were

regarding the conference itself, and its structure and logistics for this year's conference, as well as next year's. Other motions were made regarding nation wide, community, and (some) interpersonal issues and contributed to much of the conference drama (which most our delegates managed to stay out of, thankfully).

Women's Caucus

I was only able to attend the initial Intro Women's Caucus on the first day of the conferences. This session was mostly spent introducing ourselves and getting to know each other, in preparation of finding deeper topics of discussion and a greater comfort with each other.

VIC Caucus

This was, I thought, my most productive workshop. We started the caucus with a report back from each of the representatives from different universities, and how they felt theirs were doing in terms of Queer and LGBTQI support and awareness, which were at varying levels. We then spent most of the caucus discussing how to make the conference more accessible to students and institutions often left behind by the current method of invitation (mostly word of mouth) and decided to bring to conference floor a motion to formally invite universities and unions/student associations to the conference each year, and try to provide financial support for those who were struggling.

Bi/Pan Autonomous

I personally facilitated this discussion group, and we had discussions around what issues we were struggling with at the moment and how we thought we could deal with them, and how these were specific to a conference and university setting.

Aro/Ace Autonomous

Unfortunately this meeting was a bit last minute, but we managed to get a decent turnout, and some good discussion. I also facilitated this discussion and it ran much the same as the Bi/Pan meeting, with a series of discussion topics and conversation about how to best approach them. I also offered to send on the workshop I have run a couple times about Aro and Ace awareness to people who wanted to present similar things at their unis.

We've all messed up. What next?

A fantastic workshop, run by our very own Viv & Denise - a great hybrid workshop-discussion group regarding what to do when you've done something wrong, how to apologise & how to move on with grace. It was very well attended & was heralded by many attendees of the conference, inspired conversation and was something very helpful to bring back to other collectives.

It's not all Orgies: A Realistic Conversation About Polyamory and Open-Relationships

This workshops ran like a panel/discussion group, and was a mixed group of poly and non-poly people asking and answering questions as they came up, clearing up misconceptions and expanding on not very well known concepts.

Writing Queer

My personal favourite workshop, this was a writing workshop where writers of many different styles had the opportunity to learn from other people’s writing style, and how writing and reading from a queer perspective can change interpretations of prompts and works.

Other Activities:

Speed Friending

This event was on the first night, and was a great way to connect with people you hadn’t met before, and to break the ice before delving into deeper discussions throughout the rest of the conference.

Karaoke Night

Great fun! At Curtin’s version of Sir John’s Bar “The Tav” we had a great night of singing and drinking and having fun with new friends.

Querelle Launch

This event was a bit of a mystery. As the Querelle magazine itself was not ready for publication itself, the evening ended up as just a night out at a local queer club, with a fun drag competition for entertainment. Unfortunately there were some complications at the venue because of insensitive staff.

Final Party

As our flight was this evening, and the conference floor preceding this event went quite late, we didn’t get much time at this event. But the venue was very nice, and it was a good opportunity to say goodbye to all the friends we made but wouldn’t see for a while after going back to our own states.

Thanks & Acknowledgments:

A huge thank you to Professor David Copolov, for making it possible to bring so many amazing delegates with us to attend, we all had an amazing experience and learnt great things to bring back to our collective, as well as giving our own workshops for others to do the same. Also, thanks to my fellow office bearers; Marty, Viv, Denis, Oria & Mish, for helping this go very smoothly and taking some of pressure & work so we could all have a good time.

ATTACHMENT 26 | QC Report: Viv Stewart

	<p>VIV STEWART CONFERENCE REPORT Queer Collaborations July 2016</p>
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Queer Collaborations

On the 3rd of July the Monash contingent flew to Perth for the annual student run queer conference, Queer Collaborations. While I missed my flight and only arrived in Perth (Via Adelaide of all places) later that night, I attended the conference with the contingent in my role as Disabilities and Carers Officer. The conference exists to allow Queer students from around Australia to collaborate with each other, share knowledge and experiences, make new connections and discuss how to potentially increase queer activism, particularly from an intersectional point of view. I attended to both increase my knowledge and understanding of how disabilities and queer interact, and to start up working relationships to other D&C officer bearers from around Australia.

Workshops

I ran a workshop during the conference with Denise, my co-office bearer, centering on how to be called out and how to apologize ethically. Partly why I think we ran this workshop is because progressive politics can often be very exclusive in its negativity and expectations. It makes it hard to be able to comfortably join a progressive space, particularly if you have any form of disability. Activist culture can be extremely isolating for anyone with a disability and this is one way this ableist understone represents itself. As such, Denise and I addressed the concept of having a better understanding of what being progressive should mean and how to act that out in regards to apologizing when you are called out or even just reacting well to being called out.

Disabilities Caucus

I attended the autonomous disabilities caucus at QC to be able to having an input in how both QC is conducted in regards to people with a disability and also how to better the general approach in the queer community by setting a better standard. Part of this included motions being put forward to conference floor - and passing - regarding the accessibility of Queer Collaborations and how this can be improved. I also acted as an intermediary for the caucus and QCOC - the Queer Collaborations Organizing Committee. I helped the caucus communicate to QCOC how the conference may be impacting people with disabilities in certain ways and how that could be improved. On top of this I also spent a significant amount of my free time speaking to conference attendees that have some form of disability separately to ensure that they were fine and to ensure that there was not something that should be changed that may be negatively impacting them.

Overall I believe I learnt a lot, particularly about working with disabilities I am not familiar with, such as disabilities centering around reading impairments. I am grateful I could go. However, I also came to previously dawning conclusion that sadly many progressive spaces usually think of Disabilities last and QC was at times no different.

TISGD Caucus

I was also involved in the TISGD caucus at QC - Trans, Intersex, Gender Diverse - and helped them create a motion regarding some problematic language in the reader. It was a wonderful chance to broaden my knowledge and experiences

Grievance

I was returning Grievance Officer for the 2016 QC and as such was a part of Grievance as well. I ran the Grievance training for this year and then was a part of the committee in regards to handling all forms of Grievance for QC 2016. In addition, I put forward motions to conference Floor centering around improving how much emotional burden is placed on Grievance Officers and how that can be managed a little better. I helped create a new position that allows Grievance Officers and Listening Posts to have a confidential person they can speak to throughout the conference so they can have a way to debrief at the time. I did this partly because I was concerned with the amount of emotional labour Grievance Officers can at times be put under and how that often complicated Mental Health.

Conference Floor

Conference Floor was the usual, other than one significant upset that happened on the final conference floor. I attended all Conference Floors and put forward some motions myself, see above.

We returned on the morning of the 10th, tired but safe.

ATTACHMENT 27 | QC Report: Denise Atzinger

	<p>DENISE ATZINGER CONFERENCE REPORT Queer Collaborations July 2016</p>
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Queer Collaborations

QC, Queer Collaborations is a student run conference for queer students around Australia to have an opportunity to collaborate, learn and work together and talk about their experiences, particularly in regards to how queer identities and other autonomous groups, such as disabilities, intersect. This year's QC was held in Perth, from July 4th to July 10th. We travelled by plane together as the Monash University contingent, both Caulfield and Clayton campus, on the morning of the 3rd of July, to be able to attend the whole first day on the 4th.

I attended QC in my capacity as Disability and Carers officer in order to broaden my knowledge about the various issues faced by students with disabilities. I wanted to expand my knowledge and experience so that I would have a clearer idea of how to address these issues in order to

support students at Monash in navigating their educational experience. This conference also gave me the opportunity to collaborate and meet with Disabilities Officer or people with a disability who are more experienced than I am from around Australia. It was a good chance to share knowledge and being creating working relationships, which this department particularly needs, given how small it is at Monash.

People of Colour Caucus

I was actively involved in the People of Colour Caucus, where we discussed how queer identities intersect with race and ethnicity. It also gave us the opportunity to critically discuss how to better ensure that QC and the broader tertiary education system is aware of the struggles faced by People of Colour and how they can support them more.

As part of this caucus I contributed to crafting motions addressing the erasure of people of colour in queer spaces as well as the use of People of Colour as platforms to elevate unrelated issues.

Disabilities Caucus.

I attended the Disabilities Caucus at QC, where I was able to make contact with other people involved in our community and share knowledge, advice or experience with them. I contributed in the crafting of a motion to make QC more accessible to people with disabilities, which is an ongoing issue that often needs addressing. This caucus gave me the opportunity to learn about disabilities I wasn't particularly knowledgeable about or had much experience with prior to this. I look forward to being able to apply my newly-learnt knowledge to my job as D&C officer at Monash in the future. I also contributed to amending a motion addressing the archiving of Queer history.

TISGD (Trans, Intersex, Gender Diverse) Caucus

I contributed to crafting a motion addressing affirmative action as well as moderating the contributions of attendees so as to accommodate the voices of various equality seeking groups.

Workshops

- Directed 2hr workshop with Viv S. on Ethical Accountability and Appropriate Apologies.
- Directed 2hr workshop on Racism, Inequality and Racial Codification within the Queer community.
- Attended workshop and discussion group on Multi-ethnic identities.

Grievance

I was elected as a Grievance officer on behalf of the QTPoC Caucus. As part of this I was actively involved in daily meetings concerning grievances as well as addressing various issues throughout the week. This put me in an optimal position to ensure that any grievances regarding QTPoC were handled correctly. This also allowed me to be able to have a critical view on how the conference handled grievances concerning people with disabilities and I was able to give input regarding this where needed.

Conference Floor

Attended conference floor as well as emergency conference floor.

ATTACHMENT 28 | Summary of Executive Financial Motions

M20/16	30-Jun-16	Table Talkers	\$1,238.50
		Banner	\$330.30
M21/16	05-Jul-16	PNG Solidarity	\$2,500.00
M22/16	26-Jul-16	University of Sydney visit	\$750.00
		AV Upgrade	\$4,350.00
		Table Talkers	\$768.00
		IT Leasing	\$2,851.75
		OB T-shirts	\$1,020.00
		Electrical Work	\$2,589.40
M23/16	28-Jul-16	Polar Fresh Food	\$337.25